Postdoctoral Fellowships

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Outline

- Intro to OPDA & External Awards
- Sources of Funding
- External Funding Opportunities
  - Search Aides
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- Next Steps
External Funding

- **Finding the right fellowships for you**
  - Research
  - Demographics
  - Potential
Sources of Funding

Foundations & Institutes

Organizations & Societies

Government
Searching for Funding

FSU Office of Research
http://www.research.fsu.edu/contractsgrants/resources.html

Pivot
Grant Forward
Foundation Center

Searchable sites online- Illinois, Duke, Cornell, Harvard, ....
Professional Societies- ask mentors
OPDA website
OPDA Digest
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) F32 - Individual Postdoctoral Fellowships

**Potential Applicants** - US citizens and Permanent residents

**Fields** - Aligns with NIH mission and goals

**Deadline** - 8th of April, August and December

**Funding** - Stipend depends on years of experience but starts at $42,000

American Heart Association

Potential Applicants- US citizens and Internationals

Fields- basic and clinical research related to cardiovascular function/disease and stroke

Deadline- July 25th

Funding- Stipend depends on years of experience but starts at $39,200, plus fringe benefits and project support

Oak Ridge National Laboratory - Advanced Short-Term Research Opportunity

**Potential Applicants**: US citizens and Internationals

**Fields**: areas that support ORNL missions in the basic and applied sciences, energy and environment

**Deadline**: Continuous

**Funding**: Monthly Stipends

Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships

Potential Applicants- US citizens from underrepresented groups committed to career in academia

Fields- all except practice oriented

Deadline- 14th November 2014

Funding- $45,000 stipend

L’Oréal Fellowships- USA and Internationals

USA
Award of $60,000
Deadline in May

International- in partnership with UNESCO
Award amount varies
Deadline in June

Policy Fellowships

American Academy of Arts & Sciences - Hellman Postdoctoral/Post-Master's Fellowship in Science and Technology Policy

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) - Science & Technology Policy Postdoctoral Fellowships

American Mathematical Society (AMS) / American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) - Mass Media Summer Fellowship program

American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) - Science Policy Postdoctoral Fellowship

California Council on Science & Technology (CCST) - Postdoctoral and Post-Master's Policy Fellowships

Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program

Writing Strategies

» **Motives**
Mission and goals align with funding source
Think big - what is the impact of work?

» **Right audience**
Zoom out enough
Watch for jargon
Keywords

- “The Goal …
- “The hypothesis is …
- “To test this hypothesis …” (some sort of method)
- “The rationale for this experiment is …”
- “The expected results/significance is …”
Easy on the Eyes

The less a reviewer has to read, the more likely it is you can hold their attention span.

Leave lots of white space

- Enumerate
- Use graphs, figures, and tables

Don’t try to write to the page limit

- Figure out what to say first
- Edit to shorten later

Use Text Formatting to make it easy to read

Use Schematics – specifically developed and labeled for the proposal

Use appropriate font type – smaller type is harder to read
Check for careless mistakes

Don’t make a $10,000 margin mistake!

Transitions & introductions matter

Consider the overall impression- positive and professional

Seek an outside opinion
Why Apply?

Money
Recognition
Freedom
Gain valuable experience in grant/proposal writing
Much deeper understanding of a field of interest
Reviewers comments

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Next Steps
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Final Thoughts?
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