

Postdoctoral Fellowships

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Outline

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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

Others...

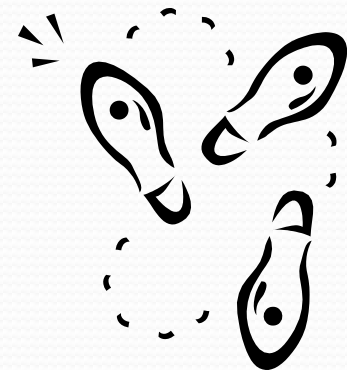
Check for careless mistakes

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

Application Preparation Timeline

TIME PRIOR TO DEADLINE	TASK TO COMPLETE
Anytime	Determine options
3 Months	Application Components Outline
3 Months	Contact Sponsored Research Services (SRS) For IDs (If Necessary)
2 Months	Mentors/ colleagues
1.5 Months	Submit Draft of Documents to Writing Center for Additional Audience Review
1 Month	Submit Draft of Documents to Mentor
2 Weeks	Proposal Transmittal Form Signed by Mentor, Dean, and Chair (If Necessary)
10 Days	Upload Documents and Submit to FSU SRS (If Necessary)
2 Days	Submit Final Draft to Fellowship/Award Sponsor

Final Thoughts?



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