

Caltech | Funding Memo

Title: LLHF Fellowship Grant

Funding Agency: Larry L. Hillblom Foundation

External Deadline(s):

01/31/2026 05:00 PM PST (Full Proposal)

Cognizant Office: Office of Sponsored Research/Office of Foundation Relations

Description:

The Larry L. Hillblom Foundation's Fellowship Grant is intended to enable qualified institutions to provide post-doctoral research fellowship training to qualified applicants in one of the two areas of stated interest to the Hillblom Foundation: diabetes or aging.

Frequency: Typically annual

Total Award: \$75,000 to \$225,000

- \$75,000 per year for up to 3 years.
 - Personnel costs are restricted to the fellowship applicant only.
 - Equipment costs are restricted to a maximum of \$5,000 per year.
 - Travel costs (including for the Annual Hillblom Foundation Scientific Meeting) are restricted to \$2,500 per year.
 - Supply costs are not allowed.

Indirect Costs: 10% of Direct Costs

- The LLHF Fellowship Grants are considered “true fellowships”. **The allowed 10% of the total award should be included as indirect costs and the remainder will be waived. Applicants must work within their division to complete an approved MORA form.**

Duration: Up to 3 years

- Anticipated start is July 2026.
- Annual renewal is subject to Foundation approval.

Discipline(s): Biology and Biological Engineering; Chemistry and Chemical Engineering; Engineering and Applied Science

Eligibility: Postdoc

- The PI's lab must be affiliated with an institution within the state of California.
- Preference will be given to those who (a) received their doctorate degree 3 years prior to the current application (if more than 3 years, please explain) and (b) who receive no extramural funding for the 3 year period of the Fellowship Grant.

- To be eligible for this grant, applicants must commit 100% of their effort to research directly related to the project described in the application for funding.
- If a fellow has active or pending funding from another source at the time of their application submission to the Foundation, consideration will be given for other sources of support for costs such as salary, benefits and education.
 - Applicants with additional support must submit a letter from the Chair of the department which (a) clarifies all of the sources of funds available to the awardee on a yearly basis and (b) guarantees that in no case will the additional support detract from the fellow's commitment to the Hillblom research project and that all funded research is directly related to the subject matter of the Hillblom project.
- Expectations of the host institution and mentor:
 - The host institution and mentor will provide appropriate infrastructure (computer access, personal work space, laboratory space, access to core facilities, library use, research training classes etc.)
 - The mentor will personally undertake and oversee the research training of the fellow to include weekly meetings, supervision of the research process and encouragement of the development of independence of the fellow.
 - In its selection process, the Foundation will take into account the research careers of prior research fellows in the mentor's laboratory.
- The fellow must be highly promising based on performance during prior training with a demonstrated productivity in research.
- Preference shall be given to applicants who have not undertaken a fellowship in the past.

Research Areas of Interest:

- Proposed research must be in the fields of diabetes or aging.

Post-Award Obligations:

- The fellow will be required to submit an annual report to the host institution and the Foundation.
- It is expected that the fellow will give presentations by the end of year one and will publish by the end of year two.
 - This should be reflected in the annual report.
- The fellow will be required to attend the Annual Hillblom Scientific Meeting to give a presentation on the findings of their research to date.

Recent Caltech Recipients:

- Alison Inglis (Voorhees Lab, 2021)
- Timothy Sampson (Mazmanian Lab, 2015)
- Maria Papadopoulou (Siapas Lab, 2014)

Guidelines & Other Information:

Please note that applications require a letter of support from the departmental chair or center director. Please allow sufficient time to coordinate with your OSR analyst.

Guidelines, Application Information, and Previously Funded Research: <https://llhf.org/programs/fellowship-grant/>

Board, Officers, and Scientific Advisors: <https://llhf.org/about/#board>

Note: The online application form will open on January 1, 2026.

Submissions and awards for this grant program will be processed through the **Office of Sponsored Research (OSR)**. However, please notify the Office of Foundation Relations (OFR) if you anticipate making a submission, have any questions, or would like a content review of your proposal. OFR is available to help ensure that Caltech's proposals are competitive and can assist with proposal development and advise you on the routing of your paperwork. Interested researchers should work with their division grant manager to prepare the budget, the MORA form, and the Division Approval Form (DAF).

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