Title: Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship

Funding Agency: Caltech

External Deadline(s):

07/14/2023 01:00 PM PDT (Full Proposal)

Cognizant Office: Strategy Implementation

Description:

In 2020, the Presidential Postdoctoral Fellows program was established at Caltech to increase the number of historically underrepresented minority faculty in STEM fields by providing support for a more diverse and inclusive postdoctoral community at Caltech. Fellows receive stipends, mentoring and services that build community and foster professional development. The Presidential Postdoctoral Fellows program builds and expands on the highly successful California Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP). This program was a partnership among Caltech, UC Berkeley, UCLA, and Stanford University

Frequency: Typically offered multiple times per year

Total Award: $90,000

- Fellows will receive up to $90,000 in funding ($45,000/year for two years). The remainder of their funding is to be supplied by some combination of advisor support and/or external fellowships.
- If scholars receive external fellowships that cover the full stipend and benefits, fellowship funding will provide up to $5,000 for a research and relocation allowance. Health insurance benefits will also be covered if they are not supported by the external fellowship.

Indirect Costs:

N/A

Duration: 2 years

Discipline(s): Biology and Biological Engineering; Chemistry and Chemical Engineering; Engineering and Applied Science; Geological and Planetary Sciences; Humanities and Social Sciences; Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy

Eligibility: Postdoc

- Strong preference will be given to students who have not yet started their postdoctoral term at Caltech.
- Preference will be given to scholars with backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in academia. This includes, but is not limited to culture, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual

orientation, gender identity, neurodiversity, disability, socioeconomic status, and life or work experiences. All scholars are still welcome to apply.

Post-Award Obligations:

TBD

Guidelines & Other Information:

Overview: https://ppfp.caltech.edu/

Application and Eligibility: https://ppfp.caltech.edu/application-and-eligibility

Pre-Proposal Requirements:

Please submit, to [ppfp@caltech.edu,](mailto:ppfp@caltech.edu) the following documents:

- Statement of Purpose (1-2 pages) - please introduce yourself to the review committee, share any relevant experience and discuss why you are interested in a postdoc position at Caltech. If you have external funding for your postdoc, please indicate it in your statement. This will not factor into the decision of who receives a Presidential Postdoc fellowship.
- CV
- 3 letters of recommendation sent directly from the letter writer.
    - 1 letter can be from someone who can speak to your previous work related to diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility. This person does not need to be a faculty member or someone in academia.
    - 1 should be from your future Caltech advisor.
        - Instructions for Caltech Advisor - The recommendation letter should address why this fellowship applicant was offered a position in your research group, their research plan and how you foster an inclusive environment in your research group.
- Research statement (1-2 pages) - discuss your proposed research at Caltech.
- Diversity statement (1-2 pages) - the statement should address how you might support [Caltech's commitment to diversity, inclusion, equity and accessibility](#)during your time on campus. You are encouraged to discuss any previous work in this area and to provide specific examples. Supporting information and evidence can be included as an appendix which does not count towards the page count. **How will my statements be evaluated?**

Applications can be submitted directly by the candidate or compiled and submitted by Caltech advisor.

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