

Winship Cancer Institute Postdoctoral Scholar Program Request for Applications 2023

OVERVIEW

The Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University is pleased to announce the *Winship Postdoctoral Scholar Program*. This program aims to recognize outstanding postdoctoral scholars who conduct exceptional cancer research, exhibit leadership, mentorship and service. Postdoctoral scholars are individuals who have recently completed a doctoral degree and, under the oversight of a Winship faculty mentor, continue cancer-relevant research training in preparation for a career in academics, industry, government, or the nonprofit sector.

Each selected postdoctoral scholar program awardee will be conferred with a named award, an engraved plaque and receive \$5,000 annually (3 year maximum) to recognize scholarly excellence and provide supplemental compensation above the NIH base salary that is covered by their advisor. To further their career development, they will receive an additional \$2,000 of travel support. Funds are not transferable to other institutions or if awardee departs from their postdoctoral fellowship during the award period.

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must have received their doctoral degree no more than 3 years before their start date, be appointed as a postdoctoral fellow through Emory University, and be sponsored by an active Winship Cancer Institute faculty research program member (see [Winship Member Directory](#)). If the applicant is not an appointed scholar at the time of the application deadline, the applicant must submit their job offer letter, signed by them and their PI, for their upcoming position before the application deadline. Instructors and Staff Scientists may not apply. Citizenship is not a selection factor - international postdocs are encouraged to apply. Foreign scholars may have J-1 visas (receiving stipends) or H1B visas (receiving salary). A faculty member may sponsor one application per cycle and may not have more than one active Winship Postdoctoral Scholar Award recipient at a time.

Strong applicants will excel in research by displaying intellectual merit, ethical conduct, professional behavior and the ability to demonstrate research innovation and productivity (i.e. scholarly distinctions, publications, presentations, inventions, performances, products, etc.) as well as conducting research having a significant impact on the field and/or society.

- Establish a strong scientific reputation in their field through activities such as publication of manuscripts, awards, participation/presentation in educational workshops or scientific conferences, and mentorship by advising graduate and undergraduate students.
- Show a strong service record by involvement in campus, professional and/or other organizations.
- Support and foster equity, diversity and inclusion within their research group, department, institution, community, and/or field through their research, teaching, or service activities.

Application Requirements

1. **Cover Letter:** include name, department, payroll title, contact information, project title, faculty mentor(s) and key collaborators, total months of postdoctoral experience
2. **Abstract** (300 word max): in lay language describing the purpose of your research, the approach you will employ and the importance or significance of the project. Avoid jargon and acronyms.
3. **Narrative statement** (1 page maximum including any figures and tables (optional) + 1 additional page of references): to include a brief statement of proposed research during the post-doctoral period. Formatting guidelines: at least 1-inch margins at the top, bottom, left and right; 11 point or larger font (Times New Roman, Times Roman, Arial, Helvetica, or Verdana).
4. **Faculty sponsor statement** (500 word max) should include how the applicant and their sponsor(s) will address the applicant's individual technical and professional goals, thinking broadly about the skills needed to prepare the applicant for their desired career path. This statement should confirm sufficient financial support is available from the faculty sponsor to cover the salary and costs for the research project of the applicant.

5. **Current NIH format biosketch** for the postdoctoral scholar nominee (with postdoctoral appointment history, i.e. locations, dates and mentors).

Timeline

RFP Announcement:	9/5/2023
Application Receipt Date:	10/15/2023
Anticipated Start Date:	January 1, 2024

Completed applications should be emailed as a single document to Winship Grants at winshipgrants@emory.edu **no later than 11:59 pm on October 15, 2023**. Please direct any questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to winshipgrants@emory.edu or Kimberly Richardson (kimberly.richardson@emory.edu).