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Washington Research Foundation (WRF) Postdoctoral Fellowships Application Now Open

WRF will support up to 10 new Fellows for three years at state's top research institutions to work on areas of critical public need

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Washington Research Foundation (WRF) is accepting [applications](#) for its third cohort of WRF Postdoctoral Fellows.

An external [selection committee](#) comprising experts from academic and federal research facilities will choose up to 10 Fellows to work on areas of critical public need at [eligible institutions](#) in Washington state. WRF will provide up to \$277,500 in funding for each Fellow's salary, benefits and expenses over three years beginning in 2020. Applicants are encouraged to submit bold proposals in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields, with priority given to those aligned with WRF's focus on supporting research with life-sciences applications.

"Our grant-making activities are designed to provide public benefit. WRF Postdoctoral Fellows are working on their own original solutions to important problems, with the ultimate goal of developing new products and services addressing societal needs. Our current Fellows are highly impressive, dedicated researchers making substantial progress in their fields. We're confident that our next cohort will be equally impressive," said Ron Howell, WRF's CEO.

Selection committee chair, David Galas, Ph.D., said, "In addition to designing their own projects, applicants have the freedom to select the institution that will best support their work. WRF has a long history of partnering with and funding our state's researchers and facilities, which are among the best in the world and where the Fellows can effectively carry out their work in a stimulating environment."

Mary Regier, Ph.D., a member of WRF's [2018 cohort](#), is completing her Fellowship in the bioengineering department at the University of Washington. Regier's research looks at the ways in which human cells communicate, to gain a deeper understanding of these processes and enable scientists to direct cells to perform specific functions.

"My WRF Fellowship is helping me progress my research in regenerative medicine. With this funding I am exploring ways to use the example of human development to better treat wounds and diseases, and ways I can develop products that will improve medical research and therapies. The three years of support I'm receiving is enabling me to make significant contributions in areas that could have an enormous impact on human health," said Regier.

The application period closes on Sunday, June 16. Fellows have the option of four start dates in 2020.

About Washington Research Foundation

Washington Research Foundation (WRF) supports research and scholarship in Washington state, with a focus on life sciences and enabling technologies.

WRF was formed in 1981 to assist universities and other nonprofit research institutions in Washington state with the commercialization and licensing of their technologies. WRF is recognized as one of the foremost technology transfer and grant-making organizations in the nation, having earned more than \$442 million in licensing revenue for the University of Washington and providing over \$94 million in grants to the state's research institutions to date.

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