



## Washington Research

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### Washington Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships Application Period Now Open

#### *Goal of new program is to benefit public by bringing additional creative talent to state's research institutions*

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Washington Research Foundation (WRF) is now accepting applications for its inaugural [WRF Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) recruitment.

With this program, WRF will select up to 10 postdoctoral researchers in STEM disciplines each year and support their work at Washington state's [top research institutions](#). The awards will be flexible, enabling Fellows to move between institutions if beneficial or necessary for their research to achieve its potential. WRF will fund each Fellowship for three years.

Ron Howell, WRF's CEO, said that the Foundation has been developing new grant-making programs for many years, with the aim of creating sustainable funding models that will have a long-lasting impact on Washington's research and entrepreneurial communities. He sees the Fellowships as a continuation of these efforts.

"Our goal with the WRF Postdoctoral Fellowships is to bring additional outstanding researchers to the area. We want them to focus on research that will benefit society by addressing unmet needs. Ultimately, we hope that the Fellowships will accelerate the rate at which much-needed products and services reach the public," said Howell. "We've funded many different projects over the years, and we've found that supporting exceptional people has provided the greatest returns."

Fellows will be selected by an [external committee](#) chaired by Dr. David Galas, principal scientist at Pacific Northwest Research Institute and a WRF board member since 2010. The committee, comprising esteemed scientists with histories of building strong research teams, has been highly involved in all stages of shaping the program.

"The caliber of our selection committee and their engagement has been critical in helping us put this program together," said Galas. "Every member has challenged us, asking us to explain our rationale for each decision and suggesting improvements. Having their expertise, from the earliest stages through to our final Fellowship selections, will make this a strong program indeed. We're looking for the most creative and ambitious postdocs, and I think our selection committee reflects this desire."

The application period for the WRF Postdoctoral Fellowships ends on Sunday, July 16, 2017. Those selected will begin their Fellowships in 2018.

## **About Washington Research Foundation**

Washington Research Foundation (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 \$436 million in licensing revenue for the University of Washington and dispersing over \$73 million in grants to the state's research institutions to date.

WRF Capital, the Foundation's venture investment arm, has invested in more than 70 local startups since 1995. Proceeds support WRF's grant programs.

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