



Washington Research

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WRF Postdoctoral Fellowship application: May 3 – June 27, 2021

WRF Postdoctoral Fellowships

About Us:

WRF supports STEM research at nonprofit institutions in Washington state, with a focus on life sciences and enabling technologies.

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Our goal for the WRF Postdoctoral Fellowships

WRF will support 10 new highly creative and dedicated postdoctoral scientists each year at research institutions in Washington state. Fellows will conduct groundbreaking research on their own original projects addressing unmet public needs. **Our ultimate goal is for the Fellows' research to benefit the public, through enabling innovative discoveries that eventually lead to the creation of new products and services.**

WRF Postdoctoral Fellows:

- Will be chosen by an outstanding external [selection committee](#)
- Will be supported for three years at an eligible [research institution](#) in Washington state
- Will choose the laboratories at which they will conduct their research
- Will choose a 2022 start date of January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1
- Will receive a salary of \$65,000 for the first year, \$67,500 for the second year and \$70,000 for the third year, plus benefits of up to \$20,000 per year
- Will have a budget of up to \$5,000 per year for research supplies, equipment and/or travel
- Will attend periodic lectures and networking events

Applicants:

- Must be eligible to work in the U.S.
- Must have completed a doctorate from an accredited graduate program prior to commencement of their Fellowship. Preference will be given to applicants who gained their PhDs on or after July 1, 2020
- Can have a background in any STEM field, but preference will be given to applicants whose project proposals are in life sciences and enabling technologies
- If selected for an interview, must be available via Zoom on September 25 or 26, 2021 at WRF's discretion
- If selected for an interview, candidates must identify the institution and lab in which they will conduct their research, plus submit a letter of support from their prospective PI

Closing Date for applications: end of the day on June 27, 2021

Selection process and timeline:

- All applications, including letters of recommendation, must be received by the end of the day on Sunday, June 27, 2021
- Following a review of all completed applications by the selection committee, a Zoom interview will be offered to each shortlisted candidate. Applicants will be notified in mid-to-late August 2021 if they have been shortlisted
- Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place on September 25 and 26, 2021 via Zoom
- If selected for an interview, candidates must provide a letter of support from their prospective PI prior to their interview
- Successful candidates will be notified that they have received a WRF Postdoctoral Fellowship in October 2021

Washington Research Foundation values diversity. We're committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in our staff, our board of directors, and the researchers, entrepreneurs and organizations we fund. We encourage people of color, women and other underserved communities to apply for our employment, grant-making and investment opportunities.

If you have further questions, please contact us at postdoc@wrfseattle.org.

Personal Information

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First Name*

Middle Name (if any)

Last Name*

Name you like to go by

Date of Birth*

You must be eligible to work in the United States to apply for this Fellowship. You will be required to provide proof if your application progresses.

Are you eligible to work in the United States?*

If No, do you expect to be eligible to work in the United State by September 25, 2021?

Where did you first hear about the WRF Postdoctoral Fellowship?*

Please explain

The following optional questions are not visible to our selection committee and are used only to measure the inclusiveness of our application process. Select all that apply.

With which racial/ethnic group do you most closely identify?

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

None of the above

Please provide further explanation if desired

Which of the following genders do you self-identify as?

Female

Male

Non-binary

I use another term that is not listed

Please provide further explanation if desired

Are you the first person in your immediate family to graduate from college?

Contact Information

Email Address*
Email Address 2
Phone number (including country code if outside the U.S.)*
Mailing Address*
City/Town*
State*
Post/Zip Code*
Country*
If other, please explain

Education & Work History

Education

Graduate School*
Start date*
End date (actual or anticipated)*
Type of degree conferred*
If Other, please explain.
Field of study*
Date of degree conferral (actual or anticipated)

(Add additional schools if desired)

Undergraduate School*
Start date*
End date (actual or anticipated)*
Type of degree conferred*
If Other, please explain.
Major*
Minor (if any)
Academic interests outside of Major
Date of degree conferral (actual or anticipated)

(Add additional schools if desired)

Work (most recent first)

Please list all current or previous employment you feel is relevant to your application. This could be paid or unpaid, including any in-school research.

Employer

Position and responsibilities (200 words maximum)

Employment start date

Employment end date

If currently in this position, check the box.

(Add additional employers if desired)

Research

1. Creativity in research:

Describe the research accomplishments you are most proud of, are the most creative, and/or have had the most impact. Please include any significant interdisciplinary collaborations. Provide details of your role in these projects. You are invited to cite examples from all previous research, whether published or not. If published, please cite in Section 5 below. If unpublished, please provide sufficient details for us to understand the purpose and progress made in the work. If any unpublished manuscripts or abstracts came from this work, you may upload them in Section 5 below if you think it will be helpful to us in understanding the work. (1000 words maximum)

Creativity in research*

2. Proposed postdoctoral research:

Explain the current focus of your intended postdoctoral research and why you wish to pursue this project. Please be concise but precise about what you want to learn and accomplish, and how you plan to do so. Why is this research important and how does it fit into the broader context of previous and current work by others? What is the expected public benefit and reach, and the anticipated time frame to achieve this?

Please begin your answer with a summary of your proposed research not exceeding 75 words.

(1500 words maximum)

Proposed postdoctoral research*

3. Career goals and choice of institution:

What are your career goals and expectations? Although applicants are not required to have already selected a host institution for their postdoctoral training, what are the considerations involved in your choice of host institution? Why have you chosen to pursue your postdoctoral research program in Washington, and how will the WRF Postdoctoral Fellowship help you achieve your goals and future impact? (1000 words maximum)

Career goals and choice of institution*

4. Fellowships, scholarships, honors and awards:

Please list any relevant honors and awards you have received. (Most recent first.)

Award name

Date(s)

Description

5. Publications:

Please list all of your published papers by: Author(s); Title; Journal; Volume; Page; Year; DOI. Please upload a PDF of your three most significant published papers, including a one-line summary of your contribution.

Publication

Publication Upload

6. Impact of WRF Postdoctoral Fellowship:

What impact would the WRF Postdoctoral Fellowship have on your research and career plans? This is your opportunity to explain the value of WRF's funding to your research goals. (250 words maximum)

Impact of WRF Postdoctoral Fellowship*

7. Additional information and documents:

If there is any additional information you would like us to know in support of your application, please add that here. Examples could include, but are not limited to, academic or industry collaborations (actual or planned) not described in Question 1, public outreach, mentoring experiences, demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusiveness (DEI), and outside hobbies and interests. If uploading supplementary documents, please briefly describe them. Please DO NOT upload your CV. (500 words maximum)

Additional information and documents

Additional Documents

You can upload multiple documents using the above field. Accepted file types are Word, PDF, PowerPoint, Excel and Google Docs.

Register Recommenders

Please enter name and email address of at least three and up to five people in the recommender section below.

The system will send all recommenders an email directly, asking them to register to the site and complete their recommendation. This process will happen as soon as you enter the contact information and save your application, and you do not need to submit the application for your recommenders to be notified. You will be able to check the status of your recommendations on your application.

Note: If you encounter any problems with sending recommendation requests and/or with recommenders not receiving sent requests, please contact help@embark.com

Enter the contact information of your recommender below, and then click "Send Invitation". You may add additional recommender by selecting the + icon. If you need to edit or remove an individual, use the trash can icon to delete the entry. Please note, once the status is submitted, you will not be able to remove the recommender from your application.

Recommenders*