

2018 President's Postdoctoral Scholars Program

The Ohio State University President's Postdoctoral Scholars Program (PPSP) seeks to recognize outstanding young researchers at the university and aid in the recruitment of highly qualified postdoctoral fellows who will become leaders in their fields.

The program will provide funding to support further scholarly training of PhDs and terminal degree holders who wish to pursue careers in research and creative expression. Postdoctoral research funding, professional development and faculty mentoring will be offered.

Funding

Awards will provide salary support (starting at \$50,000), benefits (including health insurance, paid vacation/sick leave) and up to \$5,000 for research-related and program travel expenses. Each award is for a minimum of 12 months and may be renewed for an additional term upon demonstration of academic/research productivity and adequate career development as evidenced by successful implementation of the mentoring plan.

Year One:

- The Office of the President (OTP) will provide support for the salary support and program support of \$5,000 per year per scholar.
- The faculty mentor/sponsor college must guarantee support for the cost of benefits.

Year Two:

- The OTP will provide support for half of the salary support, half of the cost of benefits and program support of \$5,000 per year per fellow.
- The faculty mentor/sponsor college must guarantee support for half of the salary and half of the cost of benefits.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must:

- Hold a PhD or other appropriate terminal degree from an accredited university before the start of their postdoctoral training.
- Show evidence of superior academic achievement (such as research or creative expression outcomes, honors or other academic designation).
- Obtain the sponsorship of a tenured Ohio State faculty member* who is willing to serve as their primary mentor.**
- Demonstrate a commitment to a career in research and creative expression (preference will be given to candidates who wish to pursue academic careers).
- Present documents demonstrating that they are legally authorized to work in the United States.

*If the nominee obtained their PhD or terminal degree at Ohio State, the primary mentor cannot be their dissertation advisor.

**Faculty mentors/sponsors will be asked to attend an orientation session to learn more about the benefits of the program, review criteria for the second year renewal and participate in future review efforts for the PPSP.

Submit nominations by using the [PPSP nomination form](#).

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Direct questions to:

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The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, sexuality, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Evaluation of Nominations

Faculty reviewers will evaluate candidates based on their academic accomplishments, including the strength of their research/creative expression and career potential in higher education or industry. Faculty reviewers may also take into consideration the faculty mentor/sponsors potential to work productively with the nominee and contribute to the nominee's career development based on their previous success in mentoring postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.

Submission Instructions

Submissions must include the following:

- Nomination letter from the faculty mentor/sponsor that describes the expected impact of the applicant on the sponsor's scholarly program and the likely impact on scholarship in the discipline.
- Support letter from the dean of the sponsoring Ohio State college.
- Education and background statement (500 words describing applicant's personal background and career trajectory).
- A mentoring plan for year one must be submitted with the original application and a subsequent plan when applying for year two funding. Please use [this form](#) to draft the mentoring plan.
- A diversity statement from the nominee (500 words describing how they will bring diversity to their future research and teaching efforts and help Ohio State as well as their discipline become more diverse and inclusive).
- Three letters of recommendation emphasizing the applicant's potential as a scholar.
- Nominee's curriculum vitae.
- Up to three examples of the nominee's scholarly efforts (publications, works of artistic expression, etc.).

Assemble nomination materials and supporting documents into a single PDF file in the order listed above. Hyperlinks to additional information that cannot effectively be presented within the PDF are allowable.

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