

Funding Resources for International Postdocs*

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Below is a list of funding agencies that support postdoctoral research in the US without a US citizenship/permanent citizenship requirement. The list is not comprehensive. For more detailed and updated information please visit the websites of the individual agencies/foundations.

American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc

<http://www.apdaparkinson.org>

The American Parkinson Disease Association supports research in the fields of geriatric psychology, pathophysiology, geriatric psychology, etiology and/or treatment of Parkinson's disease. Postdoctoral fellowships are available for one year to individuals that have completed their MD,DO,PhD,MD/PhD,DO/PhD or clinical residency program within two years of the onset of the proposed study.

Dystonia Medical Research Foundation

<http://dystonia-foundation.org>

The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) supports research related to the causes, mechanisms, prevention and treatment of all forms of dystonia. Postdoctoral fellowships are available for two years.

United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation

<http://umdf.org>

The United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF) research program offers Postdoctoral fellowships for two years covering postdoc salary as well as limited lab supplies. Important dates and deadlines during the grant cycle: July (grant cycle opens), September (Letter of Intent due), February (solicited proposals due).

National Ataxia Foundation

<http://www.ataxia.org/>

NAF research awards are for new and innovative studies that are relevant to the cause, pathogenesis or treatment of the hereditary or sporadic ataxias and to serve as a bridge from post-doctoral positions to junior faculty positions. Applicants should have completed at least one year of post-doctoral training, but no more than two at the time of application, and should have shown a commitment to research in the field of ataxia. The award will permit individuals to spend an additional third year in a post-doctoral position and increase chances to establish an independent ataxia research program. The grant period is one year only.

Parkinson's Disease Foundation Inc.

<http://www.pdf.org/>

The Parkinson's Disease Foundation offers postdoctoral fellowships for one year (renewable up to three years) which also include a research allowance. The applicant must have completed a Ph.D. or M.D. and identify a research mentor who will serve as mentor for the fellow and supervisor of the research.

Christopher Reeve Foundation (CRF)

<http://www.paralysis.org/>

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The CRF supports up to two years of postdoctoral research specifically targeted at developing effective therapies for paralysis and dysfunctions caused by spinal cord injury and other central nervous system disorders.

Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation

<http://www.drcrf.org/>

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation encourages all theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies and prevention. Basic and physician-scientists must have received their degrees no more than one year prior to the Fellowship Award Committee (FAC) meeting at which their applications are to be considered. Applicants must not have been in their Sponsor's lab for more than one year prior to the date of the FAC meeting at which their applications are to be considered and are expected to devote 100% of their time and effort to Damon Runyon-supported research activities. (Foreign candidates may apply to do their research only in the United States.). The grant period is a three-year term with second- and third-year funding contingent upon satisfactory progress reports.

The Helen Hay Whitney Foundation

<http://www.hhwf.org/HTMLSrc/ResearchFellowships.html>

The Helen Hay Whitney Foundation supports early postdoctoral research training in all basic biomedical sciences. The fellowship is for a period of three years, contingent on performance satisfactory to the foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee. There is a research allowance paid annually to the laboratory and a dependent child allowance for each child. There is no allowance for a spouse. The foundation accepts applications from candidates who have no more than one year of postdoctoral research experience at the time of the deadline for submitting the application and who have received a Ph.D. (or D.Phil. or equivalent) degree no more than two years before the deadline, or an M.D. degree no more than three years before the deadline.

Fraxa Research Foundation

http://www.fraxa.org/research_howtoapply.aspx

The purpose of this grant program is to promote research aimed at finding a specific treatment for fragile X syndrome. FRAXA's goal is to bring practical treatment into current medical practice as quickly as possible. Postdoctoral fellowships include salary plus fringe benefits and travel to meetings. Fellowships are usually awarded for the period of one year and may be renewed for a second year, based on satisfactory progress. Individuals nominated by applicant institutions for the postdoctoral fellowship should have training and experience at least equal to the Ph.D. or M.D. level. Though preference is given to U.S. citizens, international postdocs are allowed to apply.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

http://www.jdrf.org/index.cfm?page_id=103207

These fellowships are designed to attract qualified, promising scientists entering their professional career in the diabetes research field. The applicant is required to work with a sponsor who can provide a training environment conducive to beginning a career in diabetes-relevant research. The fellowships are intended for those in a relatively early stage of their career. Ordinarily, their first degree (M.D., Ph.D., D.M.D., D.V.M., or equivalent) will have been received no more than five years before the fellowship. Award amounts are based on years of relevant postdoctoral experience.

Cancer Research Institute

<http://www.cancerresearch.org/>

The institute funds research to further the development of immunological approaches to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer. The fellowship program was established to foster the training of qualified immunologists at leading medical schools and research centers around the world. The funding program includes the fellow's stipend for three years and an annual allowance provided to the host institution to help meet expenses for the fellow's research supplies, travel to scientific meetings, and health insurance.

Komen Foundation

<http://cms.komen.org/>

The Komen Foundation offers Postdoctoral Fellowship grants to attract scientists into careers addressing important research questions about breast cancer, expand the skills and expertise of breast cancer researchers in training, and position trainees for independent careers conducting breast cancer research that will directly affect breast cancer patients. Applicants may request either two or three years of funding.

The Larry L. Hillbloom Foundation, Inc.

<http://www.llhf.org/>

The Fellowship Grant is intended to enable Qualified Institutions to provide postdoctoral research fellowship training to qualified applicants in either the field of aging or diabetes. Awards can be assigned for a total of three years (not renewable).

American Cancer Society

<http://www.cancer.org/>

The American Cancer Society supports the postdoctoral training of researchers who have received a doctorate, providing initial funding leading to an independent career in cancer research. Awards are made for up to three years with progressive stipends and include an institutional allowance.

Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.

<http://www.tsa-usa.org/>

The Tourette Syndrome Association offers postdoctoral Fellowships for one year. Candidates must have a M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent degree. Previous experience in the field of movement disorders is desirable, but not essential. Applicants may reside outside the United States.

Other useful links to search for funding opportunities:

<http://www.cos.com/>

<http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/funding>