

About the Award

The Cotswold Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship is intended to foster the career development of Drexel University postdoctoral researchers in formal, physical, life and applied sciences who are pursuing a career in academic research and are seeking long-term employment at an US educational and/or research institution. The fellowship is intended to subsidize and support postdoctoral training by providing \$50,000 for one year which can be utilized for salary, fringe and professional development or any combination of the three. and Cotswold Post-Doctoral Fellows will also augment instruction at Drexel University by providing additional teaching resources in a key scientific, engineering or clinical field.

Application Deadline

All applications must be submitted no later than 3:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on October 16, 2020. Proposals should be submitted electronically through the [Drexel University Funding Portal](#). Applicants will receive a reply acknowledging the proposal submission within 2 business days. If such a receipt is not received, applicants should contact the office no later than October 23, 2020.

Application Process

Candidates must apply for the fellowship under the guidance of a Sponsor—a Drexel faculty member (tenured, tenure-track or equivalent position) capable of providing mentorship to the Fellow. In addition to aiding in the planning, execution and supervision of the proposed research, the Sponsor's role is to foster the development of the Fellow's overall knowledge, technical and analytical skills, and capacity for scientific inquiry. The Sponsor is also expected to assist the Fellow in attaining his/her career goals.

Eligibility

- Only Drexel University postdoctoral fellows are eligible to apply.
- Foreign nationals in post-doctoral roles at Drexel are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must have completed one or more of the following degrees or its equivalent: MD, PhD, MD/PhD, DDS, DVM within the last 5 years.
- The applicants must be legally permitted to work in the United States.
- Postdoctoral Research is in formal, physical, life and applied sciences.
- The applicant should have completed at least 2 full years of postdoctoral fellowship (either at Drexel or prior to joining Drexel) at the time of the application deadline (October 16, 2020).
- The applicant must demonstrate a strong record of excellence by presenting evidence of previously received competitive external grants or honorific awards.
- Postdoctoral fellows can receive only one Cotswold fellowship during their time in a postdoctoral position at Drexel University.
- Postdoctoral fellows whose applications were not selected may resubmit new applications in future fellowship cycles.

Selection and Review

The Fellowship Award Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the Foundation. The Cotswold Foundation renders the final decision regarding fellowships. Applicants will be informed of decisions in November 2020. The primary criteria used to evaluate applicants are:

- Furthering of the University's goal to enhance access to diverse perspectives and promote international engagement in research endeavors and competitiveness in tenure-track placement

- The quality of the research proposal (importance of the problem, originality of approach, appropriateness of techniques and clarity of presentation)
- The proposed measurable outcomes
- The qualifications, experience and productivity of both the candidate and the Sponsor
- Evidence of support by the applicant's own department and the mentors involved.
- Career development plan and its potential for broadening and strengthening the candidate's ability to independently conduct innovative and substantive research. The proposed research and training environment should represent a new opportunity for the candidate to expand his/her scientific skill set.

Application Instructions

The following information must be included in your application:

- Application form including Postdoctoral fellow's name, department, postdoctoral advisor, and start date of the first postdoctoral position (in or outside Drexel).
- Cover letter from postdoctoral fellow including the following information in a summary format.
 - Fellow's career goals
 - Explaining the relevance and importance of the fellowship to fellow's career
- Mentoring and Career development plan (including activities such as teaching, mentoring students, etc; 1 page maximum)
- Research plan (2 pages maximum)
 - Proposed research goals/outcomes
 - How the project is novel or innovative
- Applicant curriculum vitae (CV) or biosketch, including Top 5 recent publications and awards. Information about awards won should include details about how many applicants applied and how many awards were given. Also, include a link to the award page. If the information is in a language other than English, please include certified translation.
- A letter describing how the applicant's background and experience enhances the University's goal to support diverse perspectives and encourage international engagement in research endeavors
- A letter of support from postdoctoral fellow's Sponsor that acknowledges applicant's research and career plan and how the mentor will assist the fellow meet his career goals. The letter should include a list of postdoctoral advisor's funding, e.g. include the NIH Just In Time (JIT) 'other support' page with current support only
- Sponsor CV or biosketch (5 pages max) that includes a list of past and current trainees and "other support" section
- A letter of support from the applicant's academic unit leader (e.g. department chair, head, or associate dean) on how they will support the transition of the fellow into a faculty position.
- Applicants must create a COEUS record before the application deadline
 - The budget should outline how you intend to utilize the maximum award of \$50,000.
 - These funds can be used to supplement the following:
 - Salary
 - Fringe
 - Professional Development
 - Travel
 - Course Registration
 - Conference Registration
- A budget justification should be included with the application in the Drexel University Funding Portal.

Contact

Questions may be directed to the Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Dr. Natalie Chernets at Natalie.chernets@drexel.edu.