

National Science Foundation (NSF) SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (SPRF)

Description of Award

The Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) offers Postdoctoral Research Fellowships to encourage independence early in the Fellow's career through supporting his or her research and training goals. The research and training plan of each Fellowship must address important scientific questions within the scope of the SBE Directorate and the specific guidelines in this solicitation. The SPRF program offers two tracks: (I) Fundamental Research in the SBE Sciences (SPRF-FR) and (II) Broadening Participation in the SBE Sciences (SPRF-BP).

Looking for additional information? Try this link:

- [SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships \(SPRF\) | NSF - National Science Foundation](#)

Eligibility

- U.S. citizen, national, or legally admitted permanent resident alien of the United States as of the application deadline;
- Obtained a doctoral degree in the SBE sciences within 36 months before the application deadline or will obtain the doctoral degree within 10 months after the application deadline
- Not already in a full-time tenure-track faculty position
- Not have submitted the same research to another NSF program

Fund Provided

- Annual stipend of \$65,000 over the 2-year award period
- Annual research and training allowance of \$15,000/yr over the 2-year award period
 - Expenses directly related to the conduct of the proposed research and education activities, including but not limited to materials and supplies, equipment, computing resources, access to databases, travel, publication charges and subscription fees
 - Expenses in support of the fellow, such as office space, general purpose supplies and use of equipment, facilities and other institutional resources
 - Expenses in support of fringe benefits, including but not limited to employee contributions to individual or family health insurance provided through a group or individual plan, dental and/or vision insurance, retirement savings, dependent care and moving expenses

Deadlines

- First Wednesday in November, annually

Major Application Components

Project Summary/Abstract (1 page)

- Overview, intellectual merit, and broader impact

Project Description/Research & Training Plan (13 pages)

- A coherent plan for research and education, articulated to a level of detail suitable to an NSF grant proposal which includes separate sections titled Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts

- A section answering the Fundamental Research (FR) or Broadening Participation (BP) track-specific questions
- A detailed justification for the choice of the host institution that identifies collaborating scientist(s) and educational mentor(s), relates the proposed work to current research and educational efforts at the host institution, the available facilities and resources, and the suitability of the host institution
- A description of the Fellowship candidate's long-term career goals and the role of this Postdoctoral Fellowship in achieving them

Biographical Sketch (2 pages)

- See the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\)](#) for format

Budget & Budget Justification

- A description must be provided detailing the plan for how the \$15,000 annual research and training allowance will be utilized.

Supplementary Documentation

- Data Management Plan (2 pages)
- Dissertation Abstract (1 page)
- Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan (3 pages)

Contact Information for Successful Applicants:

Elaine Cheung (fellow) & Judith Moskowitz (sponsor) (not sure if they are APS members)

https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1714952

References

<https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/sbe-postdoctoral-research-fellowships-sprf>