Funding Opportunity

Sponsor: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
Sloan Research Fellowships

Amount: $50,000 for two years

Deadline: September 15, 2011

The Sloan Research Fellowships seek to stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise. These two-year fellowships are awarded yearly to 118 researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field.

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates for Sloan Research Fellowships are required to:

- Hold a Ph.D. (or equivalent) in chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, economics, neuroscience, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, ocean sciences or in a related interdisciplinary field;
- Be members of the regular teaching faculty (i.e., tenure track) of a degree-granting college or university in the United States or Canada; and
- Normally, be no more than six years from completion of the most recent Ph.D. or equivalent as of the year of their nomination.*

While Fellows are expected to be at an early stage of their research careers, there should be strong evidence of independent research accomplishments. Candidates in all fields are normally below the rank of associate professor and do not hold tenure, but these are not strict requirements.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation welcomes nominations of all candidates who meet the traditional high standards of this program, and strongly encourages the participation of women and members of underrepresented minority groups.

*Selection committees may make exceptions for candidates who are more than six years from their most recent Ph.D. due to military service, a change of field, or child-rearing responsibilities or who have held a faculty appointment for less than two years. If any of these circumstances apply, a clear explanation should be included in the candidate’s nomination letter.
Nomination & Selection Process

Candidates must be nominated by department heads or other senior researchers. Direct applications are not accepted. Up to three candidates from a department may be nominated.

To nominate an eligible candidate, the following materials must be submitted:

- A completed nomination form;
- A letter from the nominator describing the candidate's qualifications;
- Three supporting letters sent directly to the Foundation from other researchers (preferably not from the same institution);
- The nominee's curriculum vitae;
- A list of the nominee's scientific publications;
- One copy of no more than two representative articles by the nominee;
- A brief (one-page) statement by the nominee describing his or her significant scientific work and immediate research plans.

All nomination materials, including all letters of support, must be postmarked to the Foundation on or before September 15th, 2011. All nomination materials must be submitted both by mail and by email. Nominations are not considered complete unless materials are submitted in both formats.

A full description and nomination form for the Sloan Research Fellowships program are available at:

http://www.sloan.org/fellowships

Funds are awarded directly to the Fellow's institution and may be used by the Fellow for such purposes as equipment, technical assistance, professional travel, trainee support, or any other activity directly related to the Fellow's research.

Funds may not be used to augment an existing full-time salary or for indirect or overhead charges by the Fellow’s institution. Expenditures must be approved by the Fellow's department chair and must be in accord with the policies of the institution.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Martha Coleman, Director of Foundation Relations at OSU Foundation by phone at 541-737-6961 or via email at Martha.coleman@oregonstate.edu.