**Professional Development Award**

The OSU Postdoctoral Association (OPA) invites applicants for professional development awards of up to $1000 each. Spring award applications are due Friday May 8, 2015 at 5pm. See below for more information.

**Background**

The OPA is pleased to grant four postdoc professional development awards per year, with two awards in the spring and two awards in the fall. Spring award winners will be announced at the spring OPA picnic (June 6, 2015). Applicants must submit a description of a proposed professional development experience along with a budget and other documents listed below. Professional development may include support to travel to a professional conference or workshop, support for mentoring an undergraduate or graduate student, or support for undertaking a training exchange in another lab or location, among other opportunities. Preference will be given to applicants wishing to extend their training experiences beyond simply presenting a contributed poster or short talk at a professional meeting. The expenses described must be incurred within one calendar year of the award.

**Eligibility**

Applications are restricted to postdoctoral researchers as defined by OSU (http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/postdocs/definition)

**Application Materials and Selection Process**

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. Explanation of need (less than 1 page)
3. Budget and budget justification (less than 1 page)
4. One professional letter of reference (less than 1 page)

All documents should be formatted in double-spaced, contain 12-point font, and have 1” margins. Materials should be submitted as a single PDF via email to Amanda Brown (browaman@science.oregonstate.edu) with “postdoc professional award” in the subject line.

Application materials will be evaluated by a Professional Development Award Committee comprised of postdocs selected by the OPA Board. The Committee provides recommendations for awardees to the Associate Dean of the Graduate School who makes the final decisions. Applications will be evaluated based on:

1. Merit of the proposed activity
2. Demonstration of need
3. Strength of reference letter