**Fellowship & Career Development Awards Timeline**

If you are interested in applying for a fellowship and/or career development award, it is important to start the process early. This is a general timeline to help you plan.

- Learn more about specific funding opportunities every Thursday by following OHSU’s Funding Alerts
- Review resources available on the Postdoctoral Affairs website
- Make sure to start conversations early with your department’s Grant Coordinator to understand the specific requirements and timelines of your department

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**Individual Fellowships**

Individual fellowships provide individual research training opportunities to trainees at the postdoctoral level. If you see a 🔄 next to an award, there are limitations regarding how long you have worked as a postdoc in its eligibility requirements.

- **NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Postdoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F32)**
  - **Purpose:** The purpose of the Kirschstein-NRSA postdoctoral fellowship is to enhance the research training of promising postdoctoral candidates who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers.
  - **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or permanent resident with research or clinical doctoral degree
  - **Submission Deadlines:** April, August, & December
- **NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology (PRFB)**
  - *Purpose:* The purpose of the PRFB is to encourage independence at an early stage of the research career in biology.
  - *Eligibility:* U.S. citizen or permanent resident early in their postdoctoral career. Applicants are not eligible if they have worked in any position that requires the doctoral degree for a combined total of more than 15 full time months prior to the deadline.
  - *Submission Deadline:* December

- **NSF Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF)**
  - *Purpose:* The purpose of the SPRF is to encourage independence at an early stage of the research career in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences (SBE).
  - *Eligibility:* U.S. citizen or permanent resident who 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.
  - *Submission Deadline:* November

- **NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MSPRF)**
  - *Purpose:* The purpose of the MSPRF is to support future leaders in mathematics and statistics by facilitating their participation in postdoctoral research environments that will have maximal impact on their future scientific development.
  - *Eligibility:* U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has not held a doctoral degree more than 2 years as of January of the year of award. Must propose research in an area of mathematics or statistics.
  - *Submission Deadline:* October

- **The Helen Hay Whitney Foundation Research Fellowship (Biomedical)**
  - *Purpose:* The purpose of the Helen Hay Whitney Fellowship is to increase the number of imaginative, well-trained, and dedicated medical scientists. The Foundation grants financial support of sufficient duration to help further the careers of young people engaged in biological or medical research.
  - *Eligibility:* U.S. citizen or non-citizen with no more than two years of postdoctoral research experience and who received a PhD (or equivalent) no more than three years before the deadline.
  - *Submission Deadline:* June
• **Damon Runyon Fellowship** (Cancer)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the Damon Runyon Fellowship is to fund high-risk, high-reward cancer research. The fellowship encourages new generations of outstanding researchers to pursue paradigm-shifting ideas and approaches and have highly productive, successful research careers.
  o **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or non-citizen applying to conduct research in the U.S. *Some restrictions regarding years after doctoral degree and/or years of postdoctoral research experience apply.*
  o **Submission Deadlines:** March & August

• **Damon Runyon Quantitative Biology Fellowship** (Computational Biology)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the Damon Runyon Quantitative Biology Fellowship is to encourage quantitative scientists to pursue research careers in computational biology under the joint mentorship of leaders in both computational science and cancer biology.
  o **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or non-citizen applying to conduct research in the U.S. *Some restrictions regarding years after doctoral degree and/or years of postdoctoral research experience apply.*
  o **Submission Deadline:** December

• **Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund for Medical Research Fellowship** (Cancer)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the Jane Coffin Childs Fellowship is to support postdoctoral researchers in pursuing research into the causes and origins of cancer.
  o **Eligibility:** Postdoctoral researcher with no more than 18 months of postdoctoral research experience (*PhD not conferred more than 24 months prior to deadline; MD not conferred more than 3 years prior to deadline*). Applicants may be citizens of any country.
  o **Submission Deadline:** February

• **American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship** (Cardiovascular & Cerebrovascular Disease)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the American Heart Association Fellowship is to enhance the training of postdoctoral researchers who are not yet independent. The applicant must be embedded in an appropriate investigative group with the mentorship, support, and relevant scientific guidance of a research mentor.
  o **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen and AHA Professional Member with no more than five years of research training or experience since obtaining a doctoral-level degree.
  o **Submission Deadline:** September
Career Development Awards

Career development awards provide support to transition from postdoctoral trainee to individual, independent researcher. If you see a ⚠️ next to an award, there are limitations regarding how long you have worked as a postdoc in its eligibility requirements.

- **NIH Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award (K01)**
  - **Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to provide support and protected time for an intensive, supervised career development experience in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences leading to research independence.
  - **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or permanent resident with research or clinical doctoral degree.
  - **Submission Deadlines:** February, June, & October
    - Note: This cycle is for new K applications. See cycle for K renewals, resubmissions, and revisions [here](#).

- **NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)**
  - **Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NIH-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed to facilitate a timely transition of outstanding postdoctoral researchers or clinician-scientists from mentored research positions to independent, tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions, and to provide independent NIH research support during the transition that will help these individuals launch competitive, independent research careers.
  - **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or non-citizen with a research or clinical doctoral degree and no more than 4 years of postdoctoral research experience.
  - **Submission Deadlines:** February, June, & October
    - Note: This cycle is for new K applications. See cycle for K renewals, resubmissions, and revisions [here](#).

- **NIH Clinical Scientist Institutional Career Development Program Award (K12)**
  - **Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to support institutional career development awards designed to prepare newly-trained clinicians who have made a commitment to independent research careers, and to facilitate their transition to more advanced support mechanisms, e.g., K08 and K23.
  - **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a research or clinical doctoral degree.
  - **Submission Deadlines:** February, June, & October
    - Note: This cycle is for new K applications. See cycle for K renewals, resubmissions, and revisions [here](#).
• NIH Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to support the career development of individuals with a clinical doctoral degree, who have the potential to develop into productive, clinical investigators, and who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research.
  o **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a clinical doctoral degree and completed clinical training.
  o **Submission Deadlines:** February, June, & October
    ▪ Note: This cycle is for new K applications. See cycle for K renewals, resubmissions, and revisions [here](#).

• NIH Mentored Quantitative Research Career Development Award (K25)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of this award is to attract to NIH-relevant research those investigators whose quantitative science and engineering research has thus far not been focused primarily on questions of health and disease. The K25 supports productive professionals with quantitative (e.g., statistics, economics, computer science, physics, chemistry) and engineering backgrounds to integrate their expertise with NIH-relevant research.
  o **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or permanent resident with an advanced degree in a quantitative science or engineering field.
  o **Submission Deadlines:** February, June, & October
    ▪ Note: This cycle is for new K applications. See cycle for K renewals, resubmissions, and revisions [here](#).

• NIH Emerging Leaders Career Development Award (K76)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to develop of a cadre of talented scientists prepared and willing to take an active leadership role in transformative change that will lead to improved health care outcomes.
  o **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a health-professional doctoral degree.
  o **Submission Deadlines:** February, June, & October
    ▪ Note: This cycle is for new K applications. See cycle for K renewals, resubmissions, and revisions [here](#).

• American Heart Association Career Development Award (Cardiovascular & Cerebrovascular Disease)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the American Heart Association Career Development Award is to support highly promising healthcare and academic professionals to explore innovative questions or pilot studies to assure the applicant’s future success as a research scientist.
  o **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen and AHA Professional Member that has attained faculty appointment by the time of award activation.
  o **Submission Deadline:** December
• **Warren Alpert Distinguished Scholar Award** (Neuroscience)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the Warren Alpert Distinguished Scholar Award is to help postdoctoral researchers transition to full-time faculty positions or to assist in the development of a laboratory program that would lead to independent funding.
  o **Eligibility:** Scientist with an MD or PhD who has completed a minimum of three years of postdoctoral fellowship in the field of neurosciences and holds a postdoctoral research position at a U.S. medical school, research institute, or academic hospital.
  o **Submission Deadline:** July

• **SFARI Bridge to Independence Award Program** (Autism)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the SFARI Bridge to Independence Award Program is to support the next generation of top autism researchers by facilitating their transition to research independence to start faculty positions at U.S. or Canadian research institutions.
  o **Eligibility:** Scientist with an MD or PhD (no citizenship requirements) who is in a non-independent, mentored, and training position. Must be actively seeking a tenure-track position at a U.S. or Canadian institution of higher education.
  o **Submission Deadline:** February

• **Thrasher Research Fund Early Career Award** (Pediatrics)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the Thrasher Fund is to encourage the development of medical research in child health. The goal is to fund applicants who will go on to be independent investigators.
  o **Eligibility:** Postdoctoral researcher *who received a doctoral degree no more than 3 years prior to the date of submission*. No restrictions with regard to citizenship.
  o **Submission Deadlines:** March and September

• **Medical Research Foundation Grants: Early Clinical Investigator** (Clinical Research)
  o **Purpose:** The purpose of the MRF Early Clinical Investigator grant is to further the development of postdoctoral scholars who interact with human subjects and who are interested in a career in clinical research.
  o **Eligibility:** Postdoctoral trainee or fellow with specific plans for a career in clinical research. For applicants who are not U.S. citizens or do not have permanent resident status, they must address their plans about citizenship status.
  o **Submission Deadlines:** April, August, and December
Other Awards

- **NIH Loan Repayment Program**
  - **Purpose:** The purpose of the NIH Loan Repayment Program is to counteract financial pressure by repaying up to $50,000 annually of a researcher's qualified educational debt in return for a commitment to engage in NIH mission-relevant research.
  - **Eligibility:** U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident with a doctoral degree. Qualified educational loans are loans used for school tuition or other reasonable educational or living expenses while attending undergraduate, graduate, medical, dental, or veterinary schools.
  - **Submission Deadlines:** Extramural Sept 1 – Nov 18; Intramural Jan 3 – March 15
  - **Submission Process:** [Review NIH's Application Process Interactive Roadmap](#)

- **Collins Medical Trust Fund** (Basic & Clinical Medical Research)
  - **Purpose:** The purpose of the Collins Medical Trust Fund is to provide seed funding to young investigators for projects that will be eligible for NIH or other substantial funding in the future.
  - **Eligibility:** OHSU investigators engaging in basic and/or clinical medical research.
  - **Submission Deadlines:** April, August, and November