



Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

The Neuroscience Institute (NI) of Carnegie Mellon University seeks creative, collaborative scholars to apply for its [Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#). The goal of this program is to provide support for exceptional early career scholars who will help develop neuroscience research at CMU, especially research that spans across research laboratories in different departments and even colleges, serving as a form of seed funding for new projects and collaborations. Interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to relevant NI faculty (see list [here](#)) to develop competitive proposals.

NI Fellows will receive an annual stipend of \$55,000 (plus benefits) and a research/travel fund of up to \$5000 per year. The program is intended to bring in new scholars to the CMU community; researchers who are already in CMU laboratories are not eligible to apply. Up to two fellowships (renewable annually, typically for two years) will be awarded per year, depending on the applicant pool and available funding. Fellows will be encouraged to apply for additional independent funding to continue their work (as applicable), and will have access to administrative support as well as mentoring when developing proposals.

We are looking for fellows who demonstrate:

- a creative, interdisciplinary approach to solving modern problems in neuroscience,
- an ability to develop new methods to study brain, behavior, and how they are related,
- the promise of seeding or promoting sustainable, collaborative links between NI faculty research programs,
- the potential for proposed research to lead to competitive external funding, and
- a commitment to promoting diverse, ideas, perspectives, and voices in our research community.

To apply, submit a single PDF file containing (in order):

- A cover letter, describing the applicant's career goals, how the proposed work would prepare the applicant for their path, and how past experiences qualify them for the project (one page maximum)
- Proposed research (two pages, maximum)

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- Applicant CV (two pages, maximum)
- Letters of support from two co-sponsors who are current NI faculty describing the special qualifications of the applicant, the co-sponsor's role on the project, and how the proposed work relates to and expands or enables the co-sponsor's current research program (one page, each, maximum)

Selection process

A selection committee comprising three current NI faculty and the NI Director will review applications. ***For full consideration, applications should be received by March 30, 2020.*** Please send to gbalbier@andrew.cmu.edu. Fellows will be notified no later than April 30, 2020.

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Carnegie Mellon's Neuroscience Institute brings together researchers from across the University to conduct multi-disciplinary work to advance the state of brain science. The Neuroscience Institute comprises faculty from five of CMU's seven schools and colleges, harnessing the university's core strengths in cognitive science, computation, data science, biology, and engineering.