

ASU Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship

Call for Proposals 2025-2026

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, now housed in the Office of Inclusive Excellence in partnership with the Graduate College. We invite interested departments to apply for the program, with the opportunity to recruit a scholar to start at ASU in the Fall of 2025.

The Program

The Arizona State University Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship (PPF) program, launched in fall 2020, is one of several programs outlined in the [LIFT initiative \(T1\)](#). The goal of the Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship program is to support the career development of outstanding PhD recipients who are underrepresented in their fields, with great potential for advancing the [ASU Charter](#) through a future tenure track appointment at Arizona State University.

The program offers a commitment of centralized funding for two-year postdoctoral research positions, professional development, and faculty mentoring to scholars in all fields whose research, teaching, or service contribute to inclusive excellence at ASU. Awarded units will work with their college to submit hiring plans and secure funding to transition fellows to tenure track appointments. This program ensures our continued evolution as a premier public research institution with a fundamental responsibility to the communities that it serves.

The success of this program rests on our commitment to provide an inclusive and supportive culture and high-quality training to prepare postdoctoral scholars for successful independent careers. This is fundamentally a faculty development program. Academic units therefore must commit to provide individualized mentorship and career development to ensure each candidate is well prepared to succeed in a future tenure track appointment.

Eligibility

All academic units (schools/departments) are eligible to apply. Units can propose to host a single postdoctoral scholar or a cohort of no more than three scholars. Academic units with tenure/tenure track appointments that are interested in hosting one or more scholars must submit a proposal to their college. The dean or a dean's designee will determine which proposal(s) will advance to the selection committee for further review. The dean may set a deadline to facilitate internal review. **Colleges may submit only one proposal per unit.**

Departments that wish to apply to the program must send at least one department representative to one of the Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship virtual info sessions to be considered. Sessions are scheduled for **Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 1:30-3:00pm and Monday, August 12, 2024, from 1:00-2:30 pm.** [Pre-registration](#) is required.

Search and Hiring

Once approved, the selected academic units will work with their colleges to form a search committee, advertisement and conduct a comprehensive, national search (i.e., identify and interview multiple qualified candidates). As part of the search process, postdoctoral candidates will identify their research and training goals and identify possible mentors. Potential mentors are welcome to participate in interviews and provide input in the selection process.

Proposal Submission and Selection Process

The college must submit a brief proposal (see submission instructions for detailed information) **electronically through [this link](#) by September 18, 2024.**

Final selections will be announced by **Monday October 7, 2024**, allowing time for recruitment to begin in October. Awarded departments must attend a post-award information session, scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.**, before beginning any search activities.