

Montana State University Postdoctoral Excellence Competition

Vice President for Research McCoy and Interim Provost Fedock announce the first annual Postdoctoral Excellence Competition. Its primary purpose is to recognize excellence in Postdoctoral scientific activity here at MSU. In addition, it is meant to illustrate MSU's institutional commitment to enhancing Postdoc training, and helping to provide additional opportunities for professional growth and learning. For additional information about this program, go to: <http://www.montana.edu/wwwvr/postdocscholars/>

There will be two awards, \$1,500 each, and can be used for whatever purpose the recipient chooses, provided it is a professional growth activity. Examples include: costs associated with attending a domestic conference; a supplement that could allow the recipient to attend an international conference; or to pay for a professional development program such as the ASM Kadner Institute (<http://www.asmgap.org/page01a.shtml>). This will be a highly competitive awards program that is meant to recognize excellence, and is designed to aid postdocs in strengthening their resume.

The awards committee will be examining the full record of the applicants, though the focus will be on achievements while here at MSU, emphasizing research productivity, excellence, and impact. And, there is also interest in examining other contributions that Postdoctoral scientists make to MSU's overall mission, such as education-outreach work and teaching as appropriate to their funding source and project description. The latter will not be the primary considerations, but will be additive in assessing the overall achievements of the Postdoc.

Eligibility: All Postdocs are eligible, regardless of nationality. Those classified as Research Professors are not eligible.

Application Procedure

Electronically submit the following:

- I) Two-page (maximum) abstract consistent with what the Postdoc might present at a conference and that contains the following components:
 - i. Introduction & Background of the Postdoc's Research.
 - ii. Project Description and Research Results.
 - iii. Interpretations and Intellectual Impacts of the Research.

Important: Remember that the evaluation committee will represent a broad range of scientific disciplines and thus it is the responsibility of the applicant to describe the research in a way that is easily understood by all reviewers.

II) Curriculum vitae, up to 4 pages.

III) A letter of support from the Postdoc's advisor (two page maximum).

Formatting: single spacing, 1-inch margins, 12 pt. font, Times-Roman

Submit electronically as a pdf to: Tim McDermott (timmcder@montana.edu)

Deadline: September 27, 2010