Science Postdoc Resources

Is a Postdoc the Right Next Step for You?

- “You Need a Game Plan” (Science)
- “Doing Postdoctoral Work—Should I?” (American Psychological Association)
- “The Right Fit” (Nature)
- My Individual Development Plan (ScienceCareers.org)
- Request an Appointment with the GC Office of Career Planning

Applying for Your Own Postdoc Funding:

From a federal agency:

- NIH (e.g., Kirschstein-NRSA)
- NSF

From a foundation (examples):

- American Heart Association
- Helen Hay Whitney Foundation
- Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund
- GC Grant Database (how to find opportunities)
- National Resource Council (additional list of resources)

Disciplinary association

- American Society for Microbiology (example)

Postdocs at a U.S. Government Lab or Affiliated Center:

- NRC Research Associateship Programs (RAP)
- NIH (See also “A Special Kind of Hell” from an NIA Postdoc)
- Lincoln Labs at MIT

National Laboratories:

- Sandia
- Argonne
- Lawrence Livermore
- Brookhaven
- Los Alamos

Postdocs to Help You Shift Careers:

- AAAS Science and Technology Fellowship
- National Cancer Institute—Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program
International postdocs:
Postdocs to take students from the U.S. elsewhere

- European Research Council
- Curie Fellowships
- National University of Singapore
- Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar Awards (U.S. citizens)

Postdocs for international students

- Croucher Fellowships for citizens of Hong Kong
- Your country’s Fulbright commission

How Do You Find Opportunities?

General Science Websites:

- Science Careers
- Nature Jobs
- Postdocjobs.com

Institutions’ Websites (examples follow):

- Penn Med
- UCSF

How do I Apply for a Postdoc?

- “How Do I Apply for a Postdoc Position?” (Emory)
- “CV and cover letter for postdoc position” (UCSF)
- “38 tips on writing an academic CV” (Nature jobs)
- “Preparing and Applying for a Postdoc Position” (Pathways to Science)

Important Questions to Ask for a Potential PI:

- “Applying for a Postdoctoral Fellowship” (The Chronicle of Higher Education)

Additional Resources:

- National Postdoctoral Association (very valuable resources, such as “International Postdoc Survival Guide” under Career Planning Resources)