



Call for Proposals:

Provost's Science & Engineering Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Provost's Science & Engineering Postdoctoral Fellowships are intended to support post-doctoral scholars in science and engineering fields as measured by the ACE Carnegie Foundation. They will expand the funding pool for science and engineering research programs and increase the number of science and engineering postdocs at the SMU campus, with a particular focus on those employed at SMU during the ACE Carnegie R1 year of record.

Provost's Science & Engineering Postdoctoral Fellowships provide \$70,000 per postdoc as follows:

- \$55,000/year stipends
- \$15,000/year associated SMU standard benefits
- Awards provided under this program are limited to one year (12 months) per post-doctoral fellow

Up to 10 post-doctoral positions will be funded for FY 2024 (June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024) under this program. Commitment of an additional year of funding for the post-doctoral fellow by the PI, department, or school/college will play a significant weight in selection of awards. Confirmation of external funding for additional year(s) of funding is highly desirable.

Preference

- Preference will be given to proposals that have external funding and/or a robust and well-executed plan for securing external funding to cover additional year(s) of funding for the post-doctoral fellow;
- Preference will be given to proposals submitted by assistant to associate professors who show potential in interdisciplinary and convergent research;
- Proposals requesting mandatory cost-share or matching on pending or soon to-be-submitted proposals will also be given preference.

Eligibility

All SMU tenured and tenure-track faculty members who wish to hire a postdoctoral scholar to be affiliated with a Science and Engineering department, program, center or institute, as measured by the ACE Carnegie Foundation, are eligible to submit proposals and serve as the principal investigator (PI). All faculty, including non-tenured or non tenure-track faculty, may serve as co-

PI on proposals and awards. One proposal may be submitted per year per PI. There are no restrictions on the number of proposals on which a faculty member can serve as co-PI.

Proposal Instructions

Format: Proposals must not exceed two (2) 8.5x11 inch pages in length and should be submitted in a font size of 11 points or greater.

Submission Deadline: June 1, 2023 and rolling thereafter until all funds are utilized.

Submission Procedure: PIs and Co-PIs should discuss their plans with their school or college Dean's office to ensure alignment with the school's strategic plans. The Dean's office will pre-review and approve all proposals before submission by the deadline. Questions and proposals should be sent to:

- Dedman College: Renee McDonald, Senior Associate Dean, rmcdonal@smu.edu
- Lyle School: Dinesh Rajan, Senior Associate Dean, rajand@smu.edu
- Simmons School: Anthony Petrosino, Associate Dean, apetrosino@smu.edu
- Guildhall: Mary Endsley, Executive Assistant, mendsley@smu.edu
- Other schools: Please contact the school Dean's office

Proposal Content: the following information must be provided in the following order:

1. Proposal Title
2. PI name, title, school, department
3. Co-PIs (if appropriate), titles, schools, departments
4. Description of the project, justification, and motivation to support the request
5. Role of the post-doctoral fellow(s)
6. Plans to support the post-doctoral fellow(s) beyond year one
7. Letter of endorsement from the school or college Dean's office

Review

Proposals will be evaluated on a competitive basis by a committee composed of representatives from the Office of the Provost. Candidates will be selected based on meeting the requirements and in collaboration with the relevant dean's office.