

Postdoctoral Research Funding Opportunities as of 12/3/2025

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| Sponsor | Program | Description | Eligibility/Requirements | Keywords/Discipline | Amount (max, if range) | Deadline(s) (LOI - if required) |
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| Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) | Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowship | The AFTD Holloway Postdoctoral Fellowship program provides funding for the next generation of FTD researchers. By supporting talented young investigators during this critical phase of their scientific training, AFTD aims to inspire a long-standing commitment to FTD research. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants with a PhD and/or MD (or similar doctorate degree) engaged in postdoctoral research at an academic institution, teaching hospital, or nonprofit research institute.• Both U.S. and international postdoctoral investigators are eligible.• Current PhD candidates who will begin a postdoctoral appointment at a not-for profit institution no later than July 1, | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$120,000 over 2 years | 1-10-2025 |
| Simons Foundation | Fellows-to-Faculty Award | The Fellows-to-Faculty Award program supports talented early career scientists and their research vision as they transition into tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions. For the 2025 RFA, we are seeking scientists whose research vision will advance the mission of either the Simons Foundation Autism Research | The program is intended for senior postdoctoral scholars or equivalent researchers whose backgrounds and experiences are underrepresented in science. We welcome applications from scientists with a previous background in these areas and those newly applying their expertise to these areas. Applicants | Neuroscience/Neurology; Life Sciences | \$85,000 annual postdoc stipend and \$600,000 USD faculty research grant | 14-01-2025 |
| Society for Neuroscience | Neuroscience Scholars Program | The Neuroscience Scholars Program (NSP) is an extensive two-year training program open to underrepresented neuroscience graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. NSP offers live events and webinars, a library of educational resources, and an online community for career connections and scientific and professional development guidance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizens or permanent residents of the United States• Enrolled in a graduate degree-granting program or postdoctoral fellowship• NIH recognizes the following as underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences: ◦Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American | Neuroscience/Neurology | Travel, funds toward professional development and a mentor | 2-19-2025 |
| Alzheimer's Association | Alzheimer's Association Research Fellowship (AARF) | The AARF grant program is intended to support exceptional researchers who are engaged in their post-graduate work (i.e. postdoctoral fellows) and before they have their first independent faculty positions (i.e. Assistant Professor) and working in diverse areas of research, including basic, | Applications will be accepted from postdoctoral fellows (or an equivalent level position) with full-time positions at their respective academic institution and less than 13 years of research experience after receipt of their terminal degree. This grant is open to U.S. and international researchers. | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$2,00,000 | LOI: 2/27/2025 Full Application: 5/1/2025 |
| Alzheimer's Association | Alzheimer's Association Research Fellowship to Promote Diversity (AARF-D) | The Alzheimer's Association Research Fellowship to Promote Diversity (AARF-D) award is intended to support exceptional scientists from underrepresented groups who are working in Alzheimer's or all other dementias research and who are engaged in their post-graduate work (i.e., postdoctoral fellows) and before their first independent faculty positions (i.e., Assistant Professor) and working in diverse areas of research, | Applications will be accepted from postdoctoral fellows (or an equivalent level position) with full-time positions at their respective academic institution and less than 13 years of research experience after receipt of their terminal degree. This grant is open to U.S. and international researchers. Specific for the AARF-D program, eligible applicants have the | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$2,00,000 | LOI: 2/27/2025 Full Application: 5/1/2025 |
| Alzheimer's Association | Alzheimer's Association Clinician Scientist Fellowship (AACSF) Program | The Alzheimer's Association recognizes the need to support the training of clinician scientists in Alzheimer's and all other dementias. For the purpose of this program, a clinician scientist is defined as an individual already trained, licensed and practicing in a clinical field that includes patient contact (e.g., neurology, psychiatry, geriatrics, psychology) or patient-related | Applicants must be clinicians (postdoctoral fellows through assistant professors; or equivalent positions) interested in an academic career who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Full-time positions at an recognized non-academic institution and•Less than 18 years of research experience after receipt of | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$2,50,000 | LOI: 2/27/2025 Full Application: 5/1/2025 |
| Alzheimer's Association | Alzheimer's Association Clinician Scientist Fellowship to Promote Diversity (AACSF-D) | The Alzheimer's Association Research Fellowship to Promote Diversity (AARF-D) award is intended to support exceptional scientists from underrepresented groups who are working in Alzheimer's or all other dementias research and who are engaged in their post-graduate work (i.e. postdoctoral fellows) | Applicants must be clinicians (postdoctoral fellows through assistant professors; or equivalent positions) interested in an academic career who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Full-time positions at an recognized non- academic institution and | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$2,50,000 | LOI: 2/27/2025 Full Application: 5/1/2025 |
| Craig H. Neilsen Foundation | Psychosocial Research Postdoctoral Fellowship | This funding is designed to encourage specialization in the field of SCI; Fellowships are intended to provide mentored training in SCI research to early-career investigators. The Fellowship Applicant (Fellow) should be mentored (or co-mentored) by an investigator experienced in SCI psychosocial research. | Applicants must have a doctoral degree or an equivalent terminal professional degree (e.g., PhD, MD, DVM). | Neuroscience/Neurology; Social Sciences | \$1,50,000 | LOI: 3/6/2025 Full App: 7/10/2025 |
| National Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS) | Career Transition Fellowships | The Society's Career Transition Fellowship addresses need for a cadre of well-trained scientists engaged in MS-related research by fostering the development and productivity of young scientists who have potential to make significant contributions to MS research and help ensure the future and stability of MS research. The Career Transition Fellowship targets current postdoctoral trainees who demonstrate both commitment and exceptional potential to conduct MS-related research. | Applicants must hold a doctoral degree (M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent) and must be in a research-oriented postdoctoral training program. Individuals with less than two or more than five years of postdoctoral research experience at the time of application are ineligible for this award. | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$5,50,000 | Pre-app: 5/14/2025 Full application: 8/20/2025 |

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| Craig H. Neilsen Foundation | Neilsen SCIRTS Postdoctoral Fellowship Grants | The Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum (SCIRTS) portfolio supports research to improve the understanding of traumatic spinal cord injury and develop new approaches to alleviate the dysfunction and complications that follow. The scope of this portfolio is broad, encompassing mechanistic, preclinical modeling, translational and/or clinical research. These two-year Postdoctoral Fellowships encourage early-career training and specialization in the field of spinal cord injury research. | Applicants must have a doctoral degree or an equivalent terminal professional degree. | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$1,50,000 | LOI: 5/23/2025 Full Application: 11/7/2025 |
| Paralyzed Veterans of America | Post-doctoral Fellowship | From transplanting cells and regenerating damaged nerve fibers to designing adaptive canoe seats, the Paralyzed Veterans of America Research Foundation supports innovative research and fellowships that improve the lives of those with spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D). | Post-doctoral scientists are eligible to apply for fellowship support within four years of receiving a Ph.D. or completing M.D. residency. Graduate students can participate in Foundation-related research and be paid from a Foundation award. However, graduate students cannot apply for a Foundation grant as a fellow or as a principal investigator. | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$150,000 over 2 years | 7-5-2023 |
| Department of Defense (DOD) | Multiple Sclerosis Research Program (MSRP) - Early Investigator Research Award | The Early Investigator Research Award supports MS-focused research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their careers, under the guidance of one or more designated Mentors. This opportunity allows for early-stage investigators to develop a research project, investigate a problem or question in MS research, and further their intellectual development as an MS researcher of the future. All application components for the | Only postdoctoral fellows are eligible for this award. Faculty members and all other nonpostdoctoral positions are not eligible to apply. The PI must: • Possess a doctoral degree (or equivalent) from an accredited organization, and • Have 4 years or less of postdoctoral research experience at | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$3,20,000 | Pre-Application: 7/24/2023 Full Application: 10/6/2023 |
| Department of Defense | Parkinson's Research Program Early Investigator Research Award (EIRA) | The vision of the PRP is to improve the health and lives of people with Parkinson's disease through innovative, clinically meaningful treatments. The mission of the PRP is to support high-impact Parkinson's research that alters disease progression, improves disease symptoms, and develops treatments that benefit Service Members, Veterans, and all others living with Parkinson's disease. All applications to the | To be named as the PI on the application, the investigator must be a postdoctoral or clinical fellow, instructor, or assistant professor within 10 years of advanced degree training or residency training completion. An investigator may be named as a PI on only one PRP EIRA application. An eligible PI, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, or citizenship | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$4,00,000 | LOI: 7/27/2023 Full Application: 8/17/2023 |
| National Multiple Sclerosis Society | Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Care Physician Fellowship | The National Multiple Sclerosis Society offers a one year, post-residency MS clinical fellowship program designed to train board eligible/certified neurologists or physiatrists in specialized MS clinical care. This 12-month program for board eligible/certified neurologists or physiatrists provides fellows with the opportunity to perform new patient consultations and follow-up evaluations under the supervision of an MS specialist physician. Fellows will also participate in multidisciplinary team activities, lectures, and professional meetings, leading to the acquisition of skills and knowledge necessary to provide the highest quality of care for individuals with MS. | Residents who have or will have received training in neurology or physiatry in the United States, and who are in the PGY3 or PGY4 stage or beyond, are eligible to apply. | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$75,000 | Pre-app: 8/6/2025 Full App: 8/13/2025 |
| Hereditary Disease Foundation (HDF) | Postdoctoral Researcher Fellowships | These fellowships are intended to cultivate interest in Huntington's disease research by encouraging young, promising scientists (postdoctoral fellows or up to 7 years past PhD) early in their careers. | Postdoctoral fellows or up to 7 years past completion of PhD | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$2,00,000 | LOI: 9/3/2025 Full Application: 12/2/2025 |
| American Academy of Neurology (AAN) | AAN Research Program | The American Academy of Neurology is committed to making a difference in the lives of researchers who are committed to making a difference in the lives of patients with brain disease. Apply today for one of the many available opportunities for all types of research across all career levels and discovery stages. | Applicant can not have completed residency or a PhD no more than 5 years prior to the beginning of this award. Applicants may not apply to more than one award. (See individual opportunities for additional eligibility requirements.) | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$1,50,000 | 9-9-2025 |
| BrightFocus Foundation | Alzheimer's Disease Research Program (ADR) Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards | This Alzheimer's Disease Research Fellowship is intended to support postdoctoral researchers during their final stages of mentored training (within five years of receipt of terminal degree or clinical training). The award provides salary and research support for a young scientist to conduct postdoctoral studies in an established laboratory focused on research contributing to understanding the biological causes and/or new clinical treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ADRD). The | You must have the title of Postdoctoral Fellow (or international equivalent) to apply for a Fellowship. You must have a mentor and an active individualized training plan. Any one laboratory may hold ONE active Standard Award and ONE active Postdoctoral Fellowship at a time. Specific eligibility criteria include: • Candidates must hold an MD, PhD, DVM, DO, OD or equivalent degree and be within 5 years of degree | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$2,00,000 | 9-29-2025 |

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| Morton Cure Paralysis Fund | Research Grant | MCPF funds activities that hold promise of identifying therapies (cures) for paralysis in humans. MCPF has particular focus of placing projects in the research pipeline, that is, enabling scientists to develop the proof concept data necessary to apply for larger NIH grants. The development of effective therapies for chronic injury is a high priority for the organization. Basic research will be supported if it has clear potential to accelerate | Either senior scientists or postdoctoral fellows may serve as principal investigators. If the latter, the applicant must submit a letter of support from the laboratory's senior scientist, as well as two other appropriate letters of reference. | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$75,000 | 9-30-2025 |
| Burroughs Wellcome Fund | Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) | The Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) is a highly competitive program that provides \$700,000 awards over five years for physician-scientists, who are committed to an academic career, to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. Proposals must be in the area of basic biomedical, disease-oriented, or | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must hold an M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., V.M.D., or D.O. degree. • Candidates must have completed clinical training (residency or fellowship) and be board eligible by the award start date. • Candidates may hold a junior faculty appointment (Lecturer, Instructor, Assistant Professor-non-tenure track, etc.). At the | Medicine; Neuroscience/Neurology | \$7,00,000 | 10-7-2025 |
| Parkinson's Foundation | Postdoctoral Fellowships for Basic Scientists | The Parkinson's Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships are two-year fellowships for scientists fresh from their PhD training or neurology residence. The fellowships support training at major research institutions to help these scientists become independent Parkinson's disease researchers. The Parkinson's Foundation seeks research proposals from promising early career scientists that will directly impact the understanding of Parkinson's disease or its treatment. Applicants must name an | The Basic Scientists applicants must be within five years of receiving their Ph.D. at the time the award starts (i.e., on or after August 1, 2021). The Clinical Neurologists must possess an M.D. or equivalent and be within three years of having completed a residency in neurology at the time the award starts (i.e., on or after August 1, 2023). The Foundation has a policy of extending an applicant's eligibility for postdoctoral fellowships due to formal periods of leave (e.g., maternity, | Life Sciences; Neuroscience/Neurology | \$1,40,000 | LOI: 10/22/2025 Full Application: 3/4/2026 |
| The Grass Foundation | Grass Fellowship | Grass Fellowships at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts support investigator-designed, independent research projects by scientists early in their career. Supported approaches include neurophysiology, biophysics, integrative neurobiology, neuroethology, neuroanatomy, neuropharmacology, systems neuroscience, cellular and developmental neurobiology, and computational approaches to neural systems. Grass Fellowships provide | Early investigators (late stage predoctoral trainees and beyond) are eligible to apply. This includes applicants with prior experience at MBL or with the Grass Foundation (MBL course alumni are encouraged to apply). Priority is given to applicants with a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a research career. Please see FAQ page on website or contact the Program Coordinator for more information. International Fellows (i.e., not US citizens or resident aliens) must hold a | Neuroscience/Neurology | 14 week summer research support + family housing | 12-11-2022 |
| Alkermes | Pathways Research Awards | With millions of people impacted by neurological disorders, more research is urgently needed to advance science in this area. The Alkermes Pathways Research Awards® program is designed to support the next generation of researchers who are working on the front lines to advance our understanding of diseases in the field of neuroscience. The Alkermes Pathways Research Awards® program provides opportunities for individual grants of up to \$100,000 per research project for early-career investigators focused on research relating to schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. | <p>To be eligible, an applicant must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has an M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent • Is affiliated with a medical or research center within the United States at the time of application • Is within 5 years of initial academic appointment (e.g., assistant professor) or is a current postdoctoral fellow • Has a research mentor with extensive experience in the field of schizophrenia or bipolar disorder • Has not received a DP2 award or NIH R01 grant at the time of award, but may be the recipient of a career development (K) | Neuroscience/Neurology | \$1,00,000 | 12-15-2025 |