Stanford’s Jump Start Awards for Excellence in Research
for Postdoctoral Scholars / Fellows

Dr. Will Talbot, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs, has pledged support for up to 10 Jump Start Awards (~$5,000 each) to enable Stanford postdocs to collect pilot data, conduct feasibility studies, demonstrate interdisciplinary collaborations, and/or participate in career development activities that will enhance fellowship or career development proposals.

Eligibility:
- The Jump Start Award applicant must be conducting biosciences research at Stanford and have a postdoctoral scholar/fellow appointment. Two awards will be reserved for postdocs appointed outside the School of Medicine.

Requirements:
- The Jump Start Award applicant will submit an external fellowship or career development proposal (i.e. NIH F or K) within one year of receiving the Jump Start Award.
- The Jump Start Award applicant will participate in the Grant Writing Academy’s Advisory Committee meeting within 6-9 months of receiving the Jump Start Award. The Advisory Committee will review progress and provide feedback to guide development of the fellowship or career development proposal(s).
- The Jump Start Award applicant will participate in monthly check-ins (30 min to 1 hr) with an appointed Grant Coach.

Application Guidelines:

DUE DATE: Friday, March 18, 2016 at midnight (PST)

Application Link: https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dbWYxFCC4LpKyYI

Use the Application Link above to submit one PDF file (FILE NAME: Last name_2016_Jump_Start.pdf) containing the following in the order listed below:

1. **Title Page**
   Funding Announcement Title: 2016 Jump Start Awards for Excellence in Research
   Project Title: Jump Start Award Applicant’s Name, title (confirm in the Stanford Who), email address

   Please check appropriate box:
   - [ ] I am a postdoctoral scholar / fellow conducting biosciences research appointed within the School of Medicine. Please indicate your department: ___________________________
   - [ ] I am a postdoctoral scholar / fellow conducting biosciences research appointed outside the School of Medicine. Please indicate your school and department: ___________________________

   List external fellowship and/or career development proposal(s) the applicant will apply to during the next year (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017). Find external fellowship and/or career development opportunities here.

   **Due Date** | **Sponsor** | **Funding Opportunity Title** | **Website**
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2. **Proposal Research Project** - Do not exceed 1 page in length. Use one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) and Arial at least 12 points. Include:
   - **Introduction** – Background and critical unknowns or problems addressed by the proposed research
   - **Innovation & Impact** – What is novel or innovative? Describe any potential transformative shifts in the current research and / or clinical practice paradigms
   - **Specific Aims** – Proposed research goals
3. **Figures and Literature Cited** – Include relevant figures, tables, and/or diagrams and references for all cited literature. Do not exceed 1 page in length.

4. **Describe how the Jump Start Award will enhance your fellowship or career development application (i.e. NIH F / K)** – Do not exceed 250 words. Awardees are expected to submit a fellowship or career development proposal (i.e. NIH F / K) within one year of receiving the Jump Start Award.

5. **One-year timeline with planned milestones** – Do not exceed 1 page. Include a 1-year timeline (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017) indicating key milestones for your research and fellowship or career development application(s).

6. **Biographical Sketch for the Jump Start Award Applicant** – Use NIH format ([OMB No. 0925-0001/0002](#)) and limit to no more than five (5) pages.

7. **Budget Outline and Justification** – Include the information below and a budget justification that does not exceed 100 words. Any unused funds will be forfeited after one year of receiving the award (Award Period: April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017).

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<td>Salary support for postdoctoral scholar / fellow: Salary support will be considered under special circumstances and must support independent projects outside the scope of the postdoctoral appointment. Requires approval by Crystal Botham (<a href="mailto:cbotham@stanford.edu">cbotham@stanford.edu</a>), Director of the Grant Writing Academy.</td>
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TOTAL (must not exceed $5,000):

*Travel costs may include airfare, lodging expenses, transportation, and meals not to exceed per-diem rates (more information [here](#)).

**Budget Justification (not to exceed 100 words):** Justify how the Jump Start Award will support research and/or career development activities that will enhance your fellowship or career development proposal(s).

8. **Stanford PI Statement of Support** – Faculty sponsor for the applicant must sign the “Stanford PI Statement of Support” see page 4.

Review Criteria:
- To what extent does the proposal enhance or augment the applicant’s future fellowship or career development application?
- Does the proposed timeline with milestones adequately and appropriately guide the applicant towards a successful fellowship or career development application?
- Does the proposal address an important problem?
- What will be the effect of these studies on the concepts, methods and technologies that drive this field?
• Are the conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses adequately developed?
• Do the sentences and paragraphs read clearly together so that it is easy to follow the logical development of ideas?

Submitted proposals may be shared with prospective donors.

Questions? Contact Crystal Botham, PhD; cbotham@stanford.edu
JUMP START AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

STANFORD PI STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

The Stanford Jump Start Awards for Excellence in Research provides up to $5,000 to support a Stanford postdoctoral scholar/fellow to engage in research and/or career development experiences that enhance his/her external fellowship or career development proposal(s).

This is a statement of support of the application of ______________________ (name of applicant) to the Stanford Jump Start Awards program.

_____ (initials) I understand this postdoctoral scholar/fellow will submit the following external fellowship or career development proposal(s) within the next year.

Due Date Sponsor Funding Opportunity Title Website

List external fellowship and/or career development proposal(s) this postdoctoral scholar/fellow will apply to during the next year (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017).

_____ (initials) I am committed to providing feedback on drafts for the above external fellowship and/or career development proposal(s).

_____ (initials) If awarded, I understand this postdoctoral scholar/fellow must use the funds from the Jump Start Award to support research and/or career development experiences to enhance submission of his/her external fellowship and/or career development proposal(s).

_____ (initials) If awarded, I understand this postdoctoral scholar/fellow will participate in an Award Review with the Jump Start Advisory Committee within 6-9 months of receiving the award. Also, I understand this postdoctoral scholar/fellow will meet monthly with a Grant Coach that will review progress and provide feedback to guide development of his/her external fellowship and/or career development proposal(s).

_____ (initials) I fully support this application and this postdoctoral scholar/fellow in applying for external fellowship and/or career development proposal(s) during the next year.

Signed,

_______________________ __________________
Signature Date

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Printed Name

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Rank and Department