

Postdoctoral Enrichment Program (PDEP)

Burroughs Wellcome Fund

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Submission Limitations: Unlimited (*no internal selection process needed*)
Foundation Deadline: January 14, 2021 by 4 p.m. EST
Website: <https://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/diversity-science/postdoctoral-enrichment-program>

*Please contact your RAS unit *and* Tiffany Worboy to inform them of your intent to submit.*

Opportunity Details: The primary goal of the **Postdoctoral Enrichment Program (PDEP)** is to substantially enhance the postdoctoral training and experience of underrepresented minority junior scientists. This grant is meant to supplement the training of postdocs whose research activities are already supported. It is not a research grant.

Funds will be provided to support the following enrichment activities:

1. Activities for the postdoctoral fellow to enhance research productivity
2. Activities for the postdoctoral mentor to increase the mentoring of PDEP fellows in university-based programs:
 - Career guidance of the underrepresented minority postdoctoral fellow
 - Research guidance that increases the productivity of the PDEP fellow
 - Attendance at one annual meeting of mentors hosted and/or sponsored by BWF
3. Participation in a peer network system of underrepresented minority postdoctoral scholars

Eligibility Criteria: The program targets postdoctoral fellows with Ph.D.s in the biomedical or medical sciences. Applicants with M.D. degrees who have secured a postdoctoral research appointment beyond clinical fellowship will be considered for this program.

A person with more than 36 months of postdoctoral experience (in a research laboratory) at the time of application or with more than five years from his/her Ph.D. is not eligible for this award.

A qualified mentor is required for the PDEP.

Applicants for the Postdoctoral Enrichment Award:

- must be nominated by a qualified mentor at the degree-granting institution where the applicant will conduct the postdoctoral/fellowship training
- must have secured a postdoctoral position with funding (including support by the mentor's existing research grants) at a degree-granting institution in the United States or Canada and must begin the postdoctoral position on or by the designated award commencement date
- must be underrepresented minorities (i.e. American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Hispanic, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander)
- must be citizens of the United States or Canada (at the time of application)
- must devote at least 75% of time to research

Budget Terms: The program provides a total of **\$60,000 over three years.**

Application Process: Interested candidates who meet the eligibility criteria will need to submit one online proposal through BWF's online portal by January 14, 2021 4:00 pm ET.

A complete proposal consists of: completion of the online applications; personal statement; lay abstract; CV from the applicant; project plan; budget; CV of mentor; confidential letter of support from mentor.

PLEASE SEE THE COMPLETE RFP for details on this opportunity:

https://www.bwfund.org/sites/default/files/media/files/grant-programs/BWF%20PDEP%20RFP%202021_v5.pdf