

**NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
*OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES*

# **Postdoctoral Research Awards**

*for research in*

# **US Government Laboratories**

*in all areas of science and engineering*

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# Purpose of the Programs

- **To offer opportunities for independent research**
- **To enhance career opportunities of participants**
- **To contribute to the research effort of the host laboratories**

# **Advantages of an NRC Postdoc**

- **Initiate new research or extend dissertation research**
- **Learn from an experienced mentor**
- **Publish research findings**
- **Collaborate with a research team at unique facilities**
- **Enhance career opportunities**

# National Research Council Postdoctoral Research Associateships

- Eligibility: PhD; both US and non-US citizens
- Duration: 1 year renewable to 3 years
- Stipend: \$36,000-\$65,000 per year;  
higher for more experience
- Other: relocation, professional travel,  
health insurance

# How to apply

- **Browse** Web site ([www.national-academies.org/rap](http://www.national-academies.org/rap)) to find Lab & Mentor.
- **Contact** Mentor (Research Adviser) and discuss proposed project.
- **Prepare** draft proposal (4 pages) & submit to Research Adviser.
- **Apply** to NRC online with final proposal; order references & transcripts to be sent separately.
- **Deadlines:** Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, Nov 1

## **HOW ARE APPLICATIONS EVALUATED?**

- **Quality of academic preparation**
- **Scientific merit of proposal and feasibility of achieving publishable results**
- **Lab's critique of proposal and willingness to support research**
- **References**

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