

PBBR

UCSF Program for Breakthrough Biomedical Research

PBBR POSTDOC INDEPENDENT RESEARCH GRANTS *2017 Call for Proposals*

UCSF postdoctoral scholars are invited to apply for funds from a grant program made possible by support from the *Program for Breakthrough Biomedical Research (PBBR)*. The program is designed to encourage creative and independent research driven by postdoctoral scholars in both basic and translational research. The grant will support UCSF postdocs who wish to explore biomedical research directions that are not directly linked to the research interests of their postdoctoral mentor and require the engagement of an additional collaborator or co-mentor.

Up to 14 grants will be awarded to provide the following funding for one year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018):

- **\$15,000 research allowance for research supplies, meetings, courses, and other research expenses**

Eligibility requirements:

- UCSF postdoctoral scholars currently in a **PIBS, BMS, or QBC** laboratory or UCSF postdoctoral scholars who propose a collaborative project with a **PIBS, BMS, or QBC** laboratory. (PIBS faculty list: <http://pibs.ucsf.edu/pibs-faculty-all>, BMS faculty list: <http://bms.ucsf.edu/directory>, QBC faculty list: <http://qbc.ucsf.edu/about>).
- Fellow must name a co-mentor/collaborator who is not their current mentor. The co-mentor/collaborator does not have to be a UCSF faculty member if the fellow currently works in a **PIBS, BMS, or QBC** laboratory.
- The funds must be used to support research that is distinct from work of the postdoctoral fellow's mentor.
- As of July 1, 2017, the UCSF postdoctoral scholars must have been in a UCSF laboratory one year or longer, but no more than 5 years. No exceptions!
- PBBR funds can only be used while a postdoctoral scholar is affiliated with UCSF.
- Although applicants who have previously held a PBBR postdoc independent research grant are permitted to apply, preference will be given to first-time applicants.
- Postdoctoral scholars who have been awarded a career transition fellowship (e.g. K99, Burroughs Wellcome) are NOT eligible for the PBBR Postdoctoral Research Fellowships.

Please send inquiries to linda.reilly@ucsf.edu

Application deadline: Wednesday April 26th, 2017, 5 p.m. PST

Application Instructions:

The PBBR Postdoc Independent Research Grant Program now uses the **UCSF Application, Review & Tracking (ART) system**, which is part of the **UCSF My Access System**. To apply, go to the following link:

https://ucsfctsi.formstack.com/forms/pbbr_2017pfr_application

In brief, the application includes:

- 1) Project description (not to exceed 2 pages of single spaced, 12 point font including figures and references). The project description should include: a brief introduction to the problem being addressed, specific aims for the funding period, a concise description of research methods, and a description of how the project is distinct from those of the fellow's primary mentor.
- 2) Applicant's NIH Biosketch- do not exceed 2 pages.
- 3) Budget describing how the \$15,000 research allowance will be used. The research allowance may be used for travel to a scientific meeting related to the proposed research, courses related to the career development of the fellow, and research expenses directly related to the project. Food/entertainment is specifically excluded. Expenses for meetings and for computer hardware are capped at \$2000. For scientific reagents, briefly justify each expense.
- 4) A letter of support from the postdoctoral scholar's mentor. This letter must include a statement that the postdoc's proposed project is distinct from the mentor's work as well as the mentor's approval for the fellow to initiate the proposed project. This letter should be submitted with the following link:

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- 5) A letter of support from the co-mentor/collaborating scientist that describes his/her role on the project. This letter should be submitted with the following link:

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If the co-mentoring scientist is outside UCSF, she or he should email their letter as a .pdf file to linda.reilly@ucsf.edu.

An advisory board composed of UCSF faculty members will evaluate the proposals. Award recipients will be announced in June of 2017 and the grant period will begin July 1st, 2017.