

Visiting Graduate Fellows in Neuroscience Program 2021 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Visiting Graduate Fellows in Neuroscience Program will enable cross-campus training by neuroscience graduate students to promote enhanced collaboration between research groups in Baltimore and College Park. The program will provide funding for research rotations of UMB PIN students in College Park and UMCP NACS students in Baltimore. The Program is funded by the University of Maryland Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Development (UMCEED), a center created by the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, February 12, 2021

Fellowship Stipend and Benefits

-*NACS students* are eligible to receive research assistantships through their home departments (at the current stipend level) for one academic semester plus summer. They will continue to receive tuition remission from the Graduate School and access to employee health insurance through UMCP. The fellowships also provide a research budget (\$5,000) and funds to help defray travel costs (\$2,000).

-*PIN students* are eligible to receive 6 months of the post-candidacy stipend as well as tuition remission from the Graduate School and access to employee health insurance through UMB. The fellowships also provide a research budget (\$5,000) and funds to help defray travel costs (\$2,000).

Eligibility: Students must be currently enrolled, and in good standing, in the NACS or PIN program.

Fellowship Selection Process: Selection for these competitive fellowships will be by a committee composed of faculty at UMCP and UMB. A successful application will demonstrate the significance and innovation of the proposed work, the necessity of the new training to achieve the student's research goals, and the benefit of the training to the student. Priority is given to proposals for new bi-campus collaborations and to those submitted by graduate students in years 2-4 of their programs. The selection notification date is Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Nomination Packages must include 1) a written proposal, 2) letters of support from the student's advisor and the PI of the host lab (advisor and host must be tenured, tenure-track, or research faculty) and 3) bio sketches (no more than 3 pages) from the student, the student's advisor, and the host PI. Submit the nomination package as a single PDF file titled Last Name_VFIN proposal to Joo Yun Jun at jjun@umd.edu.

Proposal Guidelines: Proposals must be 11-point Arial font and single-spaced with 1" margins. Proposals should not exceed 2 pages and must include the five points listed below. The proposal narrative should make the impact of the proposed training clear to individuals both within and outside of the research discipline.

- 1) Title of the proposed work
- 2) Significance and Innovation of the proposed work
- 3) Specific approach and timeline of the proposed work, including duration of support requested
- 4) The necessity of the new training/collaboration to achieve the student's goals
- 5) The benefit of the new training to the student's dissertation project

Reporting: Acceptance of the fellowship is contingent on presentation of research results at the annual symposium that rotates between the UMCP and UMB campuses.

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