**MU Postdoctoral Research Grant**

The MU Office of Postdoctoral Education grant program provides Postdoctoral Research Grants to help support postdoctoral scholars as they advance in their career. These small research grants are intended to support MU postdoctoral scholars in developing their independent research program and to defray costs of conducting a clearly defined research project that are not financially supported by other grants, faculty members, or their department/division. The research project should be led by the postdoctoral scholar and represent a contribution to their independent research program.

Funds can be used for personnel (e.g., research assistance, transcribers), equipment, supplies, data collection and analysis services, participant compensation, or research travel (e.g., off-campus data collection or use of equipment, visits to archives or historical sites). Funds cannot be used for publication costs or conference travel. Funds must be spent within 12 months of award date. Funds cannot be spent nor costs reimbursed after a postdoctoral scholar leaves their position (i.e. is no longer employed as a postdoctoral scholar at the University of Missouri-Columbia). Awardees are required to file a post-award report with the Office of Postdoctoral Education within 12 months of receiving the award.

**Award Amount**

MU postdoctoral scholars can apply for up to $2000.

**Deadlines**

A complete application must be submitted to [postdoc@missouri.edu](mailto:postdoc@missouri.edu) by 5:00 pm (Central) for the spring or fall cycle deadline. Upcoming deadlines are: April 17, 2020 and October 2, 2020. Spring Awards will be announced mid-May, and Fall awards will be announced mid-November.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must:

* Be a current postdoctoral fellow in good standing at the University of Missouri-Columbia
* Be the primary author or lead investigator on the project
* Have not previously received a MU Postdoctoral Research Grant

**A complete application includes the following, submitted as a single PDF document to** [**postdoc@missouri.edu**](mailto:postdoc@missouri.edu)**:**

* Application cover sheet with signature ([download form online](https://gradschool.missouri.edu/postdoctoral-education/current-postdocs/))
* 1-2 page (double-spaced) research abstract, including (a) summary of the significance of the research, (b) project aims, (c) project timeline, and (d) budget with justification
* Resume or curriculum vitae
* Letter of recommendation from the postdoctoral scholar’s primary MU faculty mentor that states: (a) the project objectives have been agreed upon by both the postdoctoral scholar and the mentor, (b) the potential contributions of the research, and (c) the postdoctoral scholar’s capabilities to complete this research.