

MU Postdoctoral Awards

Postdoctoral Teaching and Postdoctoral Research Awards

The Postdoctoral Awards recognize the contributions of postdoctoral scholars and their demonstration of excellence in the areas of teaching and research at the University of Missouri. The awards are open to postdoctoral scholars in all disciplines.

Nominees for these awards must currently be a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Missouri, Columbia campus and have held the position as a postdoc for at least one semester prior to the nomination. **Self-nominations are encouraged.**

Postdoctoral award winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet hosted by the Graduate School in April. The awards will consist of an honorarium of \$500 to \$1,000 (depending on number of awardees). The awards will be administered by the MU Postdoctoral Association (MUPA) with support from the Office of Postdoctoral Education. Funding for the award is provided by the Graduate School.

Nomination requirements for both postdoctoral awards, including eligibility and criteria, can be found below.

Send nominations and materials as a single PDF to: postdoc@missouri.edu

For deadline see: <https://gradschool.missouri.edu/postdoctoral-education/current-postdocs/>

Postdoctoral Teaching Award Nomination Requirements

Eligibility and Criteria

MU postdoctoral scholars who have taught an MU undergraduate or graduate course for at least one semester are eligible for this award. Awardee(s) will receive an honorarium of \$500 to \$1,000 (depending on number of awardees). Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of demonstrated excellence and lasting impact in the following areas:

- Successful classroom performance
- Enthusiasm and commitment
- Mentoring to undergraduates and/or graduates
- Teaching philosophy

Awardees will be selected by the Office of Postdoctoral Education with the assistance of the Postdoctoral Education Advisory Committee (PEAC).

Requirements for Nomination Submissions:

Nomination packets must be submitted in electronic form using .pdf format. Scan the documents into one pdf file in the order listed below. Save the file with the nominated scholars' name. The required documents are listed below.

1. Completed nomination form
2. Letter of support from Faculty Mentor/Supervisor or Department Chair
3. One to two additional letters of support from MU students the nominee has taught (the students cannot currently be in the nominee's class or under their direct supervision)
4. Nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (including all MU classes taught as a postdoctoral scholar; please provide semester/year next to each course listed)
5. Nominee's statement of teaching philosophy
6. Table of Teaching Effectiveness scores for classes nominee has taught at MU (To find the Teaching Effectiveness means, you can use this link: <http://evaluation.missouri.edu/>. Login into the Evaluation Management portal with your pawprint and password to access your instructor course evaluations.)

No additional materials may be submitted.

Who May Nominate: Any member of the campus community having direct experience with the postdoctoral scholar's teaching. Self-nominations are encouraged.

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Postdoctoral Research Award Nomination Requirements

Eligibility and Criteria

MU postdoctoral scholars who have held the position as a postdoc for at least one semester prior to the nomination. Scholars will receive a \$500 to \$1,000 (depending on number of awardees). Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of promise and excellence in research. All research and innovative contributions will be considered, but emphasis will be placed on work undertaken by the postdoc while employed at the University of Missouri. The nominations will be evaluated using the following criteria. Nominees do not have to demonstrate excellence in all categories in order to be considered.

Criteria Considered:

- Research publications, such as research monographs and peer-reviewed articles
- Contributions to grants and patents
- Contributions to the training and research activity of undergraduate and/or graduate students
- Impact of research on scholarship and society
- Innovation of research

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Requirements for Nomination Submissions:

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1. Completed nomination form
2. Letter of Support from Faculty Mentor/Supervisor or Department Chair
3. One to two additional letters of support from collaborator(s) internal or external to the university (e.g. someone the postdoctoral scholar may have published with, someone who has supervised the postdoctoral scholar's research, etc.)
4. Nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, highlighting research activities and publications conducted while at the University of Missouri
5. Submit one sample of original work and include the Impact Factor or other objective quality indicator of the publication.

No additional materials may be submitted.

Who May Nominate: Any member of the campus community having direct experience with the postdoctoral fellow's research. Self-nominations are encouraged.

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