MU Postdoctoral Research Grant Program

The MU Office of Postdoctoral Education Research Grant Program is intended to support MU postdoctoral scholars in developing their independent research program. The grant awards help defray costs of conducting a clearly defined research project that is 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 contributionto 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). However, approved expenses cannot be used for payment to the grant applicant, publication costs or conference travel. Funds must be spent within 12 months ofaward. Funds cannot be spent, nor costs reimbursed after a postdoctoral scholar leaves their position (i.e., isno longer employed as a postdoctoral scholar at the University of Missouri). Awardees are required to file a post-award report with the Office of Postdoctoral Education within 12 months of receiving the award.

Award Amount

Apply for the level that is appropriate for the scope and costs of your project. When preparing your budget, askfor only what you need. Do not, by default, ask for the maximum award amount if it is not needed for you to conduct the research project.

- **Level 1: $1500**
  Award greater than $750 and up to $1500. One award may be granted at this level.
- **Level 2: $750**
  Award greater than $500 and up to $750. One to two awards may be granted at this level.
- **Level 3: $500**
  Award up to $500. Two to four awards may be granted at this level.

Deadlines

A complete application must be submitted to postdoc@missouri.edu by the posted deadline(See: https://gradschool.missouri.edu/postdoctoral-education/current-postdocs/)

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 <u>as a single PDF document</u> to postdoc@missouri.edu:
- Application cover sheet with signature (download form online)
- 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. References can appear on additional pages if needed. Use subheadings.
- 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 potentialcontributions of the research, and (c) the postdoctoral scholar's capabilities to complete this research.