



College of Medicine Research Excellence Award for Postdoctoral Fellows, Research Scientists and Research Track Faculty

Purpose

The College of Medicine's research enterprise relies to a large extent on the drive, ingenuity, dedication and perseverance of its most experienced scholars and bench scientists: our postdoctoral fellows, research scientists and non-tenure track faculty (Research Assistant/Associate Professors). This competitive award will pay tribute to this important constituency and honor the accomplishments of up to two such outstanding scholars each year. The awardee will receive a cash prize of \$3,000 and be provided with the opportunity to present his/her research accomplishments in a research talk in a COM wide seminar, in coordination with a talk by a leader in the same field as the awardee. If appropriate, the external speaker can be the external reference writer of the awardee.

Criteria

- The scholar's creativity, productivity, presentation skills, and potential for an outstanding independent research path
- The originality, depth, and documented scientific impact of the research project(s) performed at Texas A&M College of Medicine

Eligibility

- Nominees must hold an M.D, Ph.D., or equivalent, and have been a postdoctoral fellow, research scientist, or non-tenure-track assistant/associate professor for at least two years at Texas A&M College of Medicine.
- Nominees must have at least one peer-reviewed research publication from work done at Texas A&M College of Medicine.

Nomination Process

Nominations must be submitted each year by **April 30, and include:**

- Nomination form (3-page Biosketch-based document)

Briefly describe up to three of your most significant contributions to science, including up to three citations for each. For each contribution, indicate the central finding(s); the influence or application of the finding(s) on the progress of science; and your specific role in the described work. The contribution from your research as a postdoc or scientist at Texas A&M will be weighed the highest. To qualify, at least one publication must be authored by the nominee from work performed at Texas A&M.

- If available, provide a list of "mentions of your work" by third party authors in both renowned popular science media and mini-reviews/editorials of scientific publications
- Letter of support from three COM faculty (can be one letter co-signed by the 3 faculty)
- Additional letter of support from one high-profile, external (outside TAMU) faculty member in the same field as the nominee.