

## POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS PROGRAM TRAVEL AWARD

The Postdoctoral Travel Award is a \$500, merit-based award that supports travel to conferences and meetings for the purpose of the postdoc presenting their research. It is offered to up to two postdoctoral trainees during the Fall and Spring semesters. The PDA Executive Committee (with the exception of the members applying for the award) and at least 2 faculty mentors will judge applications.

### Eligibility

1. Must have a postdoctoral appointment at Texas A&M Health Science Center. All employees within the [Research Scientist Track](#) career ladder who are considered to be in a postdoctoral training period are eligible to apply
2. Must attend at least two PDA seminars or events during the previous semester. First semester postdocs are ineligible to apply
3. Postdocs are limited to one award type (travel or professional development) every two years

### Application Process

All of the following components are required:

- [Completed application form](#)
- Budget
- Abstract
- Current CV
- Letter of merit and support from faculty mentor/departmental advisor (PI should also specify that any expenses over \$500 travel award will be covered)

### Evaluation Criteria

Applications need to show that the postdoc is focused on career and professional development:

- PDA Involvement: Must attend at least two PDA meetings, seminars, or events per semester previous to award
- Scientific merit:
  - Merit will be judged by the proposed or submitted meeting abstract. Abstract submission, verification, and receipt of conference attendance are required to claim award
  - Submitted CV, merit of individual, research background, publications, grant awards, honors, etc. will be considered when selecting award recipients
  - Applicant must be presenting author on conference abstract. Conference theme must be relevant to applicant's research
- Need: Applicant's history of conference participation and previously awarded funding will be considered

### Timeline

The travel award application is open twice per year – November to December and April to May. All announcements are made via the Texas A&M Health postdoc listserv. If you feel that you have been left off the listserv, contact [hsc-postdocaffairs@tamu.edu](mailto:hsc-postdocaffairs@tamu.edu).