

## POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD GUIDELINES

The Postdoctoral Professional Development Award is a \$500, merit-based award that supports professional and career development, including certifications, courses, trainings, career seminars, etc. The award will not support research equipment or scientific organization memberships. The professional development award is offered once per year during the Spring cycle.

### Eligibility

1. Must have a postdoctoral appointment at Texas A&M Health Science Center. All titles 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](#)
- Current CV
- Description of research goals and intended use of award funds

### 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 professional development award application is open once per year – 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).