Kavli Postdoctoral Award for Academic Diversity

The Kavli Institute for Neuroscience at the Yale School of Medicine is committed to fostering and supporting an inclusive and representative neuroscience research community. Diversity is vital to achieving excellence and innovation in scientific research. The Kavli Postdoctoral Award for Academic Diversity seeks to support exceptional scholars who bring a diversity of perspectives, identities, and backgrounds to academic research, including those from groups that are historically underrepresented in the sciences. This Award will support up to two years of mentored research in the neurosciences at Yale University, including salary, benefits, and a research allowance. Awardees will join a nurturing community that promotes scientific excellence through mentorship, training, and professional development. The Kavli Institute supports all areas of neuroscience at Yale, from molecular, cellular, systems, computational, developmental, translational, and human neuroscience, with a special emphasis on cortical development, cortical function, visual science, cellular neurobiology, neurodegeneration, and repair.

Important Dates

Please submit all application materials, including letters of reference, at this link:
https://apply.interfolio.com/158156, **by December 1st, 2024**. The research is anticipated to begin any time in 2025.

Terms

The award will provide $70,000 for salary support, and standard postdoctoral employee benefits for up to two years. An additional $20,000 allowance can support relevant research and travel expenses, including up to $3,000 toward relocation.

Eligibility

- Candidates must have completed their doctoral degree prior to the award start date.
- Candidates must have sponsorship from the Yale faculty mentor with whom they will conduct neuroscience research. Candidates who are not currently at Yale must contact and attain this sponsorship prior to applying.
- Candidates must propose a scientific project aligned with the Kavli Institute's mission: we aim to understand how genes, molecules, cells, and neural circuits interact to give rise to brain development and behavior, and to apply this knowledge to advance treatments for brain disorders.

Application Procedure

You will need written support from the Yale faculty member with whom you would like to complete your research for application submission. Please identify and contact them prior to applying.

Application Form
- All documents must be uploaded to the application portal in PDF format at
  https://apply.interfolio.com/158156

Curriculum Vitae
Please provide a current CV, including publications that are online, in print, pending, or deposited in public repositories such as bioRxiv.

Personal Statement (max one page)
Please include a one-page max (arial 11, single-spaced) personal statement to address the following:
- Research experience and major accomplishment(s).
- Statement describing how your unique experiences will contribute to a diversity of perspectives, identities, and backgrounds.
- Your future goals.

Research Plan (max two pages)
A two-page research plan (arial 11, single-spaced), excluding references. An additional page with figures may be included.

Letters of Reference
- The thesis advisor should provide a letter to address the quality and originality of the candidate's research and their potential for a career in science.
- One person familiar with the candidate should provide a letter speaking to the candidate's research experience, qualifications, and aspirations.

Letter of Faculty Sponsorship (max two pages)
- The sponsoring Yale faculty mentor should provide a letter of support to address the candidate's qualifications and proposed research projects. The letter should discuss the candidate's potential contributions to the mentor's research program, how the mentor will foster the development and advancement of the candidate, and the mentor's ability to support the candidate's effort and research beyond the two-year award.