

## ***PDA Career Enhancement Award***

### **Award Mission**

As part of the mission of the UR PDA, this award has been created to support the professional development of postdocs. Priority will be given to individuals who demonstrate that attending a conference, workshop, or networking event will provide opportunities for professional development not available at the University of Rochester. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, there are modifications on the expenses that enhance their career development.

### **Award Details**

Two AS&E postdocs and two SMD postdocs will each be awarded up to \$600 to attend a conference, workshop, or networking event. In addition, allowable expenses include: attending courses or training (e.g. datacamp, NIH workshop), purchasing literature or articles, cost of software/program for supporting research that is not already available for free from the University of Rochester, and fees for publication or sharing datasets.

### **Eligibility**

All University of Rochester postdocs are eligible to apply for the career enhancement award, except for current/former PDA co-chairs.

### **Application Requirements & Deadlines**

The applicant must complete the online application: <https://forms.gle/jJMHWZL31m7R5jG9>

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through **December 7, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST**. Winners will be announced by **December 30, 2020**.

### **Conditions for Disbursement of Award**

- SMD Postdocs: Reimbursement requests must be submitted to the Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs office, PO Box 316, G-9551 Medical Center, Attn: Stephen Naum **by May 31, 2021. Consequently, the allowable expenses must occur prior to this date (December 2020 to May 2021)**. The awardee must provide a written report (minimum 1000 words) about the attended conference/workshop or course/training, which will be made available for use by university organizations such as (but not limited to) the PDA and myHub.
- AS&E Postdocs: The reimbursement request for the AS&E postdoc travel awardee must be submitted to the AS&E Graduate Studies Office, Box 270401, Lattimore Hall, Attn: Kristina Lantzky-Eaton **by May 31, 2021. Consequently, the allowable expenses must occur prior to this date (December 2020 to May 2021)**. The awardee must provide a written report (minimum 1000 words) about the attended conference/workshop or course/training, which will be made available for use by university organizations such as (but not limited to) the PDA and the Gwen M. Greene Career Center.

Please note: the original receipts and signed expense reimbursement F3 form need to be submitted. An electronic version copy of the reimbursement documents cannot be accepted. The F3 form can be found at:  
<http://www.rochester.edu/adminfinance/finance/FinanceForms.html>

### **Review Process**

Winners will be chosen based on a formal review process performed by current and former PDA co-chairs. Priority will be given to individuals whose applications demonstrate that the career enhancement will offer unique opportunities for professional development (workshops, job interview skills, networking, etc.). Furthermore, priority is given to postdocs who do not already have allowable expenses (e.g., the applicant is paid off a PI's grant and does not have an F32 fellowship).

### **Questions**

Please direct any questions to the AS&E PDA co-chair Jonathan Cheng ([j.s.cheng@rochester.edu](mailto:j.s.cheng@rochester.edu)) and/or the SMD PDA co-chair Christina Heil ([christina\\_heil@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:christina_heil@urmc.rochester.edu)). Note, this award is separate from the myHub Travel Award.