

## POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH AWARD

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**Deadline:** November 1, 11:59 p.m.

### Award Description and Eligibility

- In recognition of the integral role and remarkable contributions that postdoctoral research scholars make to the UGA research enterprise, awards will recognize research accomplishments from work performed in a UGA postdoctoral position
- Up to two awards given annually
- Prize: \$2,000
- Nominees must occupy a UGA Postdoctoral Research/Research & Teaching Associate, Fellow, or Fellow Adjunct position at the time of nomination for this award
- Research contributions recognized by the award must have resulted from research performed during this UGA appointment and must have resulted predominantly from efforts by the nominee

### Nomination Procedures

- Nominations must initiate from the faculty mentor(s) of the postdoctoral research scholar
- No more than one nomination may be submitted from any department, center, or institute, so a pre-screening procedure must be set up by those units to select the nomination to come forward.
- The department head or center/institute director must supply a cover letter supporting the nomination and describing the pre-screening procedure.
- Compile nomination materials in the order listed in the next section into a single PDF file and submit electronically via the [online submission form](#).

### Required Nomination Materials

- Cover letter from the department head, dean or center/institute director supporting the nomination and describing the pre-screening procedure
- Letter of nomination from the scholar's faculty mentor (3 pp max) to include:
  - Scope and difficulty of the research, degree of innovation and independent thought and development of new ideas, techniques and methodology
  - Any sort of recognition that the nominee has garnered for this research accomplishment (e.g., invited contributions, publication in top journals, obtaining grants/fellowships, other awards)
- Nominee's description of the research upon which the nomination is based, including citations to resulting published work or presentations (2 pp max)
- Nominee's current curriculum vitae (4 pp max)
- (Optional) Two letters in support of the nomination (2 pp max each)

### Evaluation and Selection Process

- Nomination packages are reviewed by a committee of faculty.
- Recommendations are provided to the vice president for research, who makes the final selections.
- The review committee will look for originality, creativity, and significance of the research accomplishment. Factors to be considered will also include the scope and difficulty of the research, degree of innovation and independent thought, and development of new ideas, techniques and methodology.
- It is advised that nomination packets (i) describe postdoc's individual contributions; (ii) clarify any possible misunderstandings about where the work was performed; (iii) describe how work is innovative compared with other methods already in use elsewhere; (iv) describe the work's novel conceptual contributions.

- It is important that nominations be submitted in language understandable to faculty in other disciplines and that nominations discuss how the research accomplishments and recognition compare to average outcomes inside the discipline.

**Contact for questions:** [ovprip@uga.edu](mailto:ovprip@uga.edu)

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