



# CADRE Early Career

## Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunities and Resources

### Databases That List Postdoc Positions

- <http://www.findapostdoc.com/>
- <http://www.postdocjobs.com/>
- <http://www.minoritypostdoc.org/>
- <http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/>
- <https://www.sree.org/career/>

### Tips for Searching and Applying for Postdoc Positions

In general, if you Google “postdoc fellowships in education” there are a lot of results. Important things to remember are:

- Start early (the summer before your last year) so that you can get materials ready for some of the early fall (October, November) deadlines.
- Some postdoc positions are listed by specific institutions, so look for postdoc listings on the websites of the institutions that interest you.
- At conferences, be brave and talk to PIs of interest. One way to do this is to email them asking to meet with them for coffee during their free time. These interactions allow for you to get to know other PIs and for them to get to know you (interests, research, etc.).
- Sometimes you can’t plan for these things; opportunities can arise from connections you have made through networking.
- Sign up for listservs of professional organizations (e.g. AERA, NARST, AMTE), as these often send emails advertising postdocs. It is recommended to do this one year before you plan on applying for postdoc fellowships so that you get a sense of what kinds of fellowship programs are available, as well as the time frame for these fellowships.
- Think about whether or not you want to stay in academia, as many postdoc fellowships are geared specifically to train and support early career individuals in academia.
- Be intentional about the postdoc (e.g. learning new methods, publishing, etc.) and review the CADRE materials/webinar on mentoring and creating a plan. Some postdoc positions require you to have a project in and others you don’t (you are working on an existing project).

### Helpful Articles and Resources about Postdocs

#### [Becoming a Postdoc](#)

Ann L. Miller, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

#### [Applying for a Postdoc Job? Here are 18 Tips for a Successful Application](#)

Rebecca Ratcliffe, 2015, *The Guardian*

#### [The Secret to Getting the Postdoc You Want](#)

Martin Chalfie, 2014, Society for Developmental Biology

#### [Tips for a Successful Postdoc Application](#)

Birk Grüling, 2012, Academics.com

#### [The Postdoc App: How It’s Different and Why](#)

Karen Kelsky, 2013, The Professor Is In

## Select Postdoc Fellowships

- [NSF Special Programs for Postdoctoral Fellows](#)  
These programs provide either direct (i.e., from NSF) or indirect (i.e., from an awardee institution) funding for students at the graduate level or identify programs that focus on educational developments for this group such as curricula development, training or retention.
- [National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#)  
The National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program supports up to 30 early career scholars working in critical areas of education research. These \$70,000 fellowships support non-residential postdoctoral proposals that make significant scholarly contributions to the field of education. The program also develops the careers of its recipients through professional development activities involving National Academy of Education members.
- [Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs](#)  
The postdoctoral fellowships provide one year of support for individuals engaged in postdoctoral study after the attainment of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) degree. Postdoctoral fellowships are awarded in a national competition administered by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The awards are made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.
- [University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#)  
The University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program was established in 1984 to encourage outstanding women and minority Ph.D. recipients to pursue academic careers at the University of California. The current program offers postdoctoral research fellowships, professional development and faculty mentoring to outstanding scholars in all fields whose research, teaching, and service will contribute to diversity and equal opportunity at UC.
- [Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#)  
In this program, the University of Colorado Boulder offers postdoctoral research fellowships in all academic fields, coupled with faculty mentoring, professional development and academic networking opportunities. The University of Colorado Boulder views these postdoctoral fellowships as providing an exceptional opportunity to recruit potential new faculty to the university by offering the possibility of either a postdoc alone or a combined postdoc and tenure-track faculty appointment.
- [AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship](#)  
AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF) provide opportunities to outstanding scientists and engineers to learn first-hand about policymaking and contribute their knowledge and analytical skills in the policy realm. Fellows serve yearlong assignments in the federal government and represent a broad range of backgrounds, disciplines, and career stages. Each year, STPF adds to a growing corps over 3,000 strong of policy-savvy leaders working across academia, government, nonprofits, and industry to serve the nation and citizens around the world.

- [AAAS Mass Media Science & Engineering Fellows Program](#)  
This highly competitive program strengthens the connections between scientists and journalists by placing advanced undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate level science, engineering and mathematics students at media organizations nationwide. The AAAS Fellows use their academic training in the sciences as they research, write and report today's headlines, sharpening their abilities to communicate complex scientific issues to non-specialists. Participants come in knowing the importance of translating their work for the public, but they leave with the tools and the know-how to accomplish this important goal.
- [Finding a Postdoctoral Position at Stanford](#)
- [The CA Council on Science and Technology Policy Fellowship](#)