

# Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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## *Approaching the Sloan Foundation*

*The Sloan Research Fellowships support early career scientists and scholars with the most outstanding promise of making fundamental contributions to new knowledge in eight scientific and technical fields.*

**Overview:** Sloan Research Fellowships are two-year fellowships awarded yearly to 126 researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their fields. Thirty-nine Sloan Research Fellows have won Nobel Prizes later in their career, and hundreds have received other honors.

**Areas of Interest:** Physics, chemistry, mathematics, neuroscience, economics, computer science, computational and evolutionary molecular biology and ocean sciences.

### **Eligibility**

- Tenure track (or equivalent) position that includes a yearly teaching requirement
- Ph.D. (or equivalent) in chemistry, computational or evolutionary molecular biology, computer science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, ocean sciences, physics or a related field
- No more than six years from completion of the most recent Ph.D. as of the year of their nomination
- Strong evidence of independent research accomplishments

### *Awards*

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**\$60,000 for two years**

### *Deadlines*

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**September 15**

#### **Nominations:**

**3 per department and/or field**

**Nominated by department head or senior researcher**

**Opens July 15 and closes September 15**

**Nominees announced in mid-February and Fellowship begins on September 15**

**To apply: Contact department head or Foundation Relations**

## Nomination & Selection Process

Candidates must be nominated by a department head or other senior researcher. No more than three candidates may be nominated from one department; and no more than three for any given field. The Foundation strongly encourages the nomination of qualified women and minority candidates. Three distinguished scientists are selected in each eligible field.

### *Proposal Requirements*

- Briefly describe significant scientific work and immediate research plans in one-page statement
- Nomination letter
- 2 representative articles from candidate
- 3 letters of recommendation from leaders in the field
- CV

### *Nomination Process*

Nomination is completed online, including the request for recommendation letters from the nominator and other letter writers.

### *Characteristics of Successful Candidate*

Successful candidates have a track record of innovative research that has already had a great impact in their field. Research plans indicate a likelihood of future innovation and impact as well.

## *UC Irvine Awardees*

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2016

Computational & Evolutionary  
Molecular Biology, Chang Liu  
Physics, Franklin Dollar

2015

Chemistry, Jennifer Prescher  
Chemistry, Aaron Esser-Kahn

2014

Computer Science, Animashree  
Anandkumar

2013

Chemistry, Matthew Law  
Math, Jeffrey Streets  
Physics, Jing Xia

2012

Physics, Jason Alicea

## *Websites*

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### **Sloan Fellowships:**

<http://www.sloan.org/sloan-research-fellowships/>

### **UCI Foundation Relations:**

<http://grants.give.uci.edu/>