NRC Research Associateship Programs – Postdoctoral and Senior Research Awards

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine administers postdoctoral and senior research awards at participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions at locations throughout the U.S. and abroad.

We are actively seeking highly qualified candidates including recent doctoral recipients and senior researchers.

Application deadline dates (four annual review cycles):
- February 1
- May 1
- August 1
- November 1

Awardee opportunities:
- Conduct independent research in an area compatible with the interests of the sponsoring laboratory
- Devote full-time effort to research and publication
- Access the excellent and often unique facilities of the federal research enterprise
- Collaborate with leading scientists and engineers at the sponsoring laboratories

Awardee benefits:
- One-year award, renewable for up to three years
- Stipend ranging from $45,000 to $83,000; may be higher based on experience
- Health insurance (including dental and vision), relocation benefits, and professional travel allowance

Applicants should contact prospective Research Adviser(s) at the lab(s) prior to the application deadline to discuss their research interests and funding opportunities.

Desired skills and experience:

Applicants should hold, or anticipate receiving, an earned doctorate in science or engineering. Awards are contingent upon completion of the doctoral degree. Degrees from universities abroad should be equivalent in training and research experience to a degree from a U.S. institution. All research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens; some are open to U.S. permanent residents and foreign nationals.

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