

AICR Postdoctoral Awards, American Institute for Cancer Research Postdoctoral Awards

Description of the award and the fellowship

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) helps people make choices that reduce their chances of developing cancer. They were the first cancer charity:

- To create awareness of the relationship between diet and cancer risk
- To focus funding on research into diet and cancer prevention
- To consolidate and interpret global research to create a practical message on cancer prevention

Today AICR continues to fund research on the relationship of nutrition, physical activity and weight management to cancer risk; interpret the accumulated scientific literature in the field; and educate people about choices they can make to reduce their chances of developing cancer.

AICR's postdoctoral awards program encourages innovative research on food, nutrition, physical activity, and weight management in relation to cancer prevention, treatment, and survivorship. The awards may be awarded to postdoctoral trainees at non-profit universities, hospitals, or research centers. The awards are for a maximum of \$76,000 for up to two years, with a limit of \$38,000 for any one year and no indirect costs allowed.

Eligibility for Application

The principal investigator must have a Ph.D. or M.D. degree that was awarded no more than four years prior to the date of the application. The applicant must be sponsored by a professor in whose laboratory the applicant is to perform the research. It is suggested that postdoctoral applicants focus on five areas:

- the proposed science;
- training plan for professional progress;
- productivity, past experience and letters of support;
- the mentor's productivity and evidence of successful training/mentoring;
- the research environment

Required materials for postdoctoral applicants include: 1) letter of recommendation from the sponsoring professor (mentor) that addresses the following: the merit and independence of candidate; the training program; the training environment and facilities; evidence of successful mentoring by the sponsoring professor; acknowledgment that the postdoctoral award will be used for a minimum of 75% salary; acknowledgment that the application was written and prepared by the postdoctoral trainee and was reviewed by the sponsoring professor; 2) the CV of the sponsoring professor; 3) two additional letters of recommendation from professors other than the sponsoring professor.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of the application to AICR is Friday, February 19, 2010.

Web-site

<http://www.aicr.org/>