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Applications now being accepted for 2019 Washington Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships

New cohort of up to 10 Fellows being recruited to address key areas of public need

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[Applications](#) are now being accepted for the 2019 cohort of Washington Research Foundation (WRF) Postdoctoral Fellows.

Washington Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellows are funded for three years to work on their own original projects addressing unmet areas of public need. Each Fellow will select the laboratory at any of Washington's eligible [research institutions](#) that will best support their work. WRF, which funds local research and focuses on life sciences and related technologies, launched the program last year to encourage candidates to pursue ambitious projects with the potential for considerable societal benefit.

"Ultimately, we want the public to benefit from the technologies that the Fellows are working on. Our state has some of the best research institutions in the world, and we want to support exceptional scientists doing important work here," said Ron Howell, CEO of Washington Research Foundation.

Dr. David Galas, principal scientist at Pacific Northwest Research Institute, a WRF board member and chair of the program's external [selection committee](#), said, "We were extremely impressed with the caliber of last year's inaugural group of applicants. Selecting only 10 was not easy, but it was a nice problem to have. We encourage current and soon-to-be postdocs to be creative and bold with their proposals, keeping in mind the future public benefit of their research. We're excited to see the outcomes of the projects that are now underway with the 2018 Fellows and are equally optimistic about our future selections."

The selection committee comprises expert scientists from academia and industry across many STEM fields. Their involvement at all stages was instrumental in shaping the program last year, screening and interviewing the candidates, and in refining the process for recruitment of the 2019 cohort.

"We learned a great deal from last year's selection process in terms of what we needed to do to have a successful recruitment and encourage fruitful partnerships with Washington's research institutions. Although most of us have been on other committees and have experience in assembling teams of researchers, there are always unknowns with a new program. The committee's input and guidance over the last 18 months or so has been essential," said Galas.

Researchers from any STEM field are encouraged to apply. In keeping with WRF's focus, preference will be given to applicants whose projects address key issues in life sciences and enabling technologies.

The application period will close on Sunday, July 15, 2018. Fellowships will begin in 2019.

About Washington Research Foundation:

Washington Research Foundation (WRF) supports research and scholarship in Washington state, focusing on life sciences and enabling technologies.

WRF was formed in 1981 to assist universities and other nonprofit research institutions in Washington state with the commercialization and licensing of their technologies. WRF is recognized as one of the foremost technology transfer and grant-making organizations in the nation, having earned more than \$440 million in licensing revenue for the University of Washington and providing over \$81 million in grants to the state's research institutions to date.

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