Stanford Propel Program

Deadline: June 2, 2024, 11:59pm PST

The Propel Postdoctoral Scholars Program empowers outstanding researchers, prepares future faculty leaders, and creates a community of promising bioscientists from backgrounds historically underrepresented in academia who are interested in becoming faculty. Propel is a 2-year cohort-based program that provides a $84,000 annual salary with benefits and $5,000 supplemental research funds.

Award Amount: $84,000 annual salary

Eligibility Criteria

- Are U.S citizens, U.S permanent residents, undocumented childhood arrivals, or undocumented individuals who have been granted temporary permission to stay in the U.S. (Dreamers/DACA-mented). For permanent residents, you must have your green card in hand within 6 months of the fellowship start date.
- Are from populations historically underrepresented in the US biological, biomedical, and/or population-based research enterprise. These include, but are not limited to:
  - Individuals with disabilities, defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
  - Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, defined as those who meet two or more of the criteria described on this page.
  - Individuals who identify as a sexual or gender minority who is underrepresented on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
  - Others whose backgrounds and experiences would enrich the representation among the professoriate in their academic fields.
  - Are researchers in biological, biomedical, and/or population-based sciences disciplines. If you are seeking fellowships or opportunities in other disciplines at Stanford or opportunities outside of the School of Medicine, please visit this page.
  - Hold a Ph.D. and/or MD/Ph.D. (or equivalent), which must be conferred by the start of the award term.
  - Must have obtained a Ph.D. and/or MD/Ph.D. (or equivalent) no more than 24 months prior to the application deadline OR have no more than 24 total months of postdoctoral research experience (not including additional months in their Ph.D. lab post-conferral) at the time of the application due date.
  - Are currently or plan to be in residence at Stanford.
  - Due to the cohort structure of Propel, preference may be given first to those who will start their postdoc within this year, though a winter quarter start date does not necessarily remove you from consideration for this cohort. Those who plan to start their postdoc later should apply for the following year’s year’s cohort.
  - Are currently or plan to be mentored by a faculty member who has a primary faculty (not courtesy) appointment in the Stanford School of Medicine.
- A faculty member may serve as the primary mentor for only one Propel scholar at a time.
- Propel requires that you have an established relationship with a faculty mentor by the due date. You may submit Part 1 while still exploring, but Part 2 cannot be submitted without a primary faculty sponsor.

Propel is open to people from all backgrounds, and all applications will be evaluated in conformance with applicable law.

Apply

Propel requires that you have an established relationship with a faculty mentor with a primary appointment in the Stanford School of Medicine (SoM) by the due date of the application. If you have not already identified a mentor, we recommend you start your search with the Propel Faculty Mentors page. However, you are not limited to the mentors listed on this page; any faculty with a primary appointment in the School of Medicine may be considered to serve as the Propel primary mentor. The application will consist of:

- **Biographic and Demographic Form** (Part 1) - can be completed asap for eligibility review and confirmation, relationship with a SoM faculty mentor is not required to submit.
- **Main Application** (Part 2):
  - Eligibility (pre-populated from Part 1, editable)
  - Education and Research Training Record
  - Research Experience
  - CV Upload
  - Personal Interests, Motivations, and Career Goals
  - References - Two (2) reference forms to be completed (letters of reference will not be accepted), one of which must come from your primary graduate mentor.
- **SoM Faculty Mentor Form** (Part 3) - After the Propel application closes, the primary mentor you listed in Part 2 of the application will receive a link to a Faculty Mentor Form for them to complete (note that the linked form is from a previous year, so the exact questions may differ for this year’s application). This portion of the application is meant to foster explicit conversation between the mentor and mentee to ensure that their expectations are aligned and the applicant’s research and career goals will be supported. This form must be filled out by your primary School of Medicine faculty mentor, and your application will not be reviewed without it.

Applicants who are chosen as finalists will be invited to interview, following which awardees will be selected and notified.

Contact

For more information please use the program’s contact form here: https://propel.stanford.edu/contact-us/