LIMITED SUBMISSION – Three institutional applicants will be selected.

2021 Schmidt Science Fellowship

Important deadlines:
August 13, 2020 – Pre-applications due to Office of Graduate Studies
September 8, 2020 – Notifications sent to all applicants, 3 institutional nominees chosen
September 14-30, 2020 – Nominated candidates will submit basic personal information to sponsor
November 30, 2020 – Final completed application due to sponsor

Nominations are being accepted for the 2021 Schmidt Science Fellowship from our most outstanding, intellectually first-rate PhD students who have conducted their graduate degree in the natural sciences (Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Sciences), Engineering, Mathematics, or Computing – and all sub-disciplines therein. Candidates must have a keen interest in undertaking an interdisciplinary research pivot during a postdoctoral placement and to have completed, or be expected to complete, all the requirements for their PhD between April 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021. Fellows are expected to combine scientific curiosity with extraordinary academic achievement. They should demonstrate a collaborative spirit and have the ambition to make a lasting impact in science and in society, conducting research and pursuing knowledge that will benefit the world.

Fellows receive a stipend of $100,000 and are supported by the Program to undertake a full-time, postdoctoral study for at least one year in a world-leading laboratory in a field different from their existing area of expertise. Fellows also spend five weeks during their fellowship year at four residential meetings around the globe where they receive bespoke training to help them become the next generation of science leaders. In these meetings the fellows are introduced to new research ideas, techniques and questions, they are exposed to a wide-range of cutting-edge science, leading thinkers and institutions, and they receive tailored training in science communication, leadership and, how to facilitate interdisciplinary research. Throughout the Fellowship year Fellows receive regular scientific and professional mentoring from a member of our Academic Council and they continue to have access to this support after their Fellowship is complete to support their professional development further.

Eligibility

- Graduate degree in the natural sciences (Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Sciences), Engineering, Mathematics, or Computing – and all sub-disciplines therein
- Completion or expected completion of the PhD in one of these fields between April 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021 (the year preceding the fellowship)
- Be available for the entire period of the 2020-2021 program, from July 2021 to July 2022, including attendance at each Global Meeting. (these may be done virtually, depending on the situation)
To Submit a Pre-Application to Office of Graduate Studies:

Please submit the below materials as a single PDF to Amineh Helalian (ahelalian@ucdavis.edu) by **5:00pm on August 13, 2020.**

*Please note that the below materials are only for the internal nomination process. If selected as a UC Davis nominee, the final application package will be more comprehensive.*

- Current CV with details of relevant publications or research
- 2 page personal statement on why you are interested in the program and what you hope to achieve during and after it. Make sure to address the criteria the sponsor will be using for final selection (found at [https://schmidtsciencefellows.org/fellows/](https://schmidtsciencefellows.org/fellows/) ) and what your plans are for pivoting your research during the fellowship period.

Pre-applications will be reviewed and the selected institutional applicants will be notified no later than September 8, 2020. Please contact Amineh Helalian if you have any questions about the pre-application process.

For further information about the Schmidt Science Fellows Program, please visit their website, [https://schmidtsciencefellows.org/](https://schmidtsciencefellows.org/)