Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain
2017 Postdoctoral Fellowship Request for Applications

Opportunity
The Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain (SCGB) seeks applicants for postdoctoral fellowships whose intended work is at the interface of theory and experiment on the nature, role and mechanisms of the neural activity that produces cognition. Of particular interest is work that emphasizes the recording and perturbation of population neural data at cellular resolution and the application of advanced statistical analysis and modeling to such data. Candidates with a background in fields including neuroscience, mathematics and the physical and information sciences are encouraged to apply. For more information on the SCGB program, please visit https://www.simonsfoundation.org/life-sciences/simons-collaboration-global-brain/.

Eligibility
Candidates who hold or will hold a Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree at the time of activation of the fellowship are eligible to apply. Applications may be submitted from scientists in domestic and foreign nonprofit organizations; public and private institutions, such as colleges, universities, hospitals, laboratories and units of state and local government; and eligible agencies of the federal government. There are no citizenship or country requirements.

Timeline and Funding
Appointments will be for three (3) years contingent on yearly review and performance satisfactory to the SCGB Executive Committee. Finalists will be invited to Simons Foundation for interviews with members of the SCGB Executive Committee. Finalists will be notified by Thursday, November 24, 2016, if they are invited for an interview, and Simons Foundation will take care of all travel arrangements and expenses for the interviews at the time of notification. Interviews will take place on January 10 and 11, 2017 at the Simons Foundation in New York City. Awardees will be notified by early
February and must accept or decline the fellowship offer by April 1, 2017. Funding for fellowships may be activated on the first of the month between May 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017.

Annual stipends will be $60,000 USD for the first year with a cost of living increase in subsequent years, increasing the stipend to $63,000 USD for the second year and $66,150 USD for the third year. In addition to the stipend, awards will include up to $15,000 USD annually for health insurance, small equipment (up to $10,000 USD), supplies, publications and travel. No indirect costs may be taken. Fellowships will be administered by the host institution. Only one applicant per lab may apply.

**Instructions for Submission**

The deadline for full application submission is Monday, October 3, 2016, 5:00 PM Eastern Time.

All applications must be completed electronically and submitted using forms provided at proposalCENTRAL. To submit your application:

- Log in to proposalCENTRAL using your username and password. If you are a new user, click on the CREATE ONE NOW button under APPLICATION LOGIN. Your registered email also works as your username. If you forgot your log-in information, you can retrieve your username and password from proposalCENTRAL by clicking the forgot your username/password? link under APPLICATION LOGIN.

- To apply, after you log in, select the gray GRANT OPPORTUNITIES tab on the right side of the page and scroll down to the Simons Foundation section. Then click on APPLY NOW in the LIFE SCIENCES-SIMONS COLLABORATION ON THE GLOBAL BRAIN FELLOWSHIPS row. For assistance with proposalCENTRAL, please call 800-875-2562 or email pcsupport@altum.com.

**All applications must include:**

- Bio sketches of the mentoring PI(s) and postdoctoral fellow applicant
Personal statement by the applicant, not to exceed one (1) page

A research narrative — the narrative should not exceed two (2) pages (*including* references and figures) and must include
- background,
- specific aims,
- research design and methods, and
- the significance of this work to the Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, with special focus on how this work interfaces theory and experiments in the field of neural coding and dynamics.

Technical abstract

Renewable reagents and data-sharing plan

Budget

Three confidential letters of recommendation, one of which must be a letter of support from the mentoring PI. Confidential letters of recommendation must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL (see instructions) by Monday, October 3, 2016, 5:00 PM Eastern Time, which is also the application deadline.

Organizational assurances (e.g., IACUC and IRB, if applicable)

501(c)(3) determination or equivalency letter (foreign institutions only) — The Simons Foundation requires a determination letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stating exemption under 501(c)(3) and, furthermore, either a 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) classification. Applicants do not need to have this letter at the time of application. If an international institution is selected for funding and does not have the aforementioned documentation, the Simons Foundation will require the institution to complete an equivalency determination with NGOsource (see [SCGB policies](#)).

Signature page (to document the commitment from the PI’s institution to administer the fellowship)
Simons Foundation Global Brain Policies
https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding/policies-and-forms/simons-collaboration-on-the-global-brain-policies-and-procedures

Deadline and Notification Schedule

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