

**Re: Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Fellowship Award**

DAMON RUNYON CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

**Deadlines:** Mailing Deadline: **March 14, 2018** by 4pm (FedEx)

**Cognizant Office:** Applications Due to the Foundation: **March 15, 2018 by 1:00pm PST**  
Office of Sponsored Research

*(Office through which submissions and awards will be processed)*

The **Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Fellowship Award** supports the training of the brightest postdoctoral scientists as they embark upon their research careers. This funding enables them to be mentored by established investigators in leading research laboratories across the country. The Foundation encourages all theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies, and prevention.

The Award:

- \$52,000 in year 1, \$54,000 in year 2, \$57,000 in year 3, and \$60,000 in year 4 plus an additional \$2,000 per year expense allowance (\$231,000 total)
  - o With a written request to the Foundation, the expense allowance may be used to defray the cost of health benefits
  - o The Foundation also provides a Dependent Child Allowance of \$1,000 per child per year (there is no allowance for a spouse), with the completion of required forms
- **Does not support indirect costs**
  - o This award is considered a “true fellowship” and **will not** be subject to Caltech’s minimum overhead requirement.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must apply for the fellowship under the guidance of a Sponsor – a scientist (tenured, tenure-track or equivalent position) capable of providing mentorship to the Fellow
- Candidates who have already accepted a postdoctoral research fellowship award are not eligible
- Applicants must have completed one or more of the following degrees or its equivalent: MD, PhD, MD/PhD, DDS, DVM (a copy of the diploma must be submitted with the application)
- **Level 1:** Basic and physician-scientists must have received their degrees no more than 18 months prior to March 15, 2018. Applicants must not have been in their Sponsors’ labs for more than 12 months prior to March 15, 2018 and are expected to devote 100% of their time and effort to Damon Runyon-supported research activities.

- **Level 2:** Physician-scientist applicants (MD, MD/PhD, DDS, DVM or the equivalent) must have completed their residencies and clinical training, must be board eligible in the United States at the start date of the Damon Runyon Fellowship, and be able to devote at least 80% of their time and effort to Damon Runyon-supported research activities. Applicants may apply at any time prior to their initial assistant professorship appointment (or equivalent); postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows and clinical instructors are eligible to apply. Candidates holding or awarded NIH K awards at the time of application are not eligible to apply. Candidates holding institutional K12 awards may apply, but must turn-back K12 funding if they are awarded a Damon Runyon Fellowship
- The proposed research must be conducted at a university, hospital, or research institution

Eligibility continued:

- No more than **two** Damon Runyon and/or Damon Runyon-Sohn Fellows will be funded to work with the same sponsor at any given time
- Only **one** fellowship application will be accepted from a Sponsor or Fellow per review session; there is no limit to the number of applications from an institution
- Applicants may apply for either the Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Fellowship Award or the Damon Runyon-Sohn Pediatric Fellowship award, but **not both**
- Postdoctoral training in the same institution in which the applicant received his/her degree is discouraged. Proposals to continue training in the laboratory where the applicant received his/her PhD will not be considered. Proposals that are direct extensions of graduate work will not be funded
- Candidates who are pursuing a degree are not eligible
- Foreign candidates may apply to do their research only in the United States
- Candidates applying to work in foreign-based or United States government laboratories may be awarded a fellowship if they are considered to be especially meritorious or if the program represents an unusual opportunity for postdoctoral training.
- Fellows are permitted to obtain additional awards or grants to cover **research expenses** only
- Fellows in their first and third years of funding will attend a Damon Runyon Fellows' Retreat to foster collaboration and interaction between scientists working in different fields relevant to cancer

Reporting Requirements:

- Annual scientific and financial progress reports

Recent Caltech Recipients:

- Lisa Racki (Newman Lab, 2012)
- Daniel Kim (Wold Lab, 2011)

Guidelines: <http://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/fellowship>

Current Recipients: <https://www.damonrunyon.org/our-impact/current-projects/award-program/scientists#fellowship>

Fellowship Award Committee: <https://drcrffmvxemwre4.devcloud.acquia-sites.com/scientists/committees/fellowship>

Board of Directors: <https://drcrffmvxemwre4.devcloud.acquia-sites.com/our-strategy/our-leadership>

Please notify the Foundation Relations team if you anticipate making a submission. *We are here to help ensure that Caltech's proposals are competitive.* We can assist with proposal development and advise you on the routing of your paperwork. Interested researchers should work with their division grant manager to prepare the budget, the MORA form, and the Division Approval Form (DAF). **Submissions and awards for this grant program will be processed through the Office of Sponsored Research.**