



Deadline	<b>Fri 15 Aug 2025 4:00 pm Eastern Time</b>
Call name	<b>Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Fellowship Award 2024</b>
www	<a href="https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/fellowship">https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/fellowship</a>
Focused on	Postdoctoral 4-year research stipend in theoretical & experimental research of cancer at a university, hospital or research institution in USA.
Applicant	Postdocs of any nationality with a PhD completed no more than 18 months prior to the application deadline date; joined the host's lab no more than a year prior to the application deadline
Host institution	American universities, hospitals or research institutions
Expected outputs	Research; (J) Reviewed publications, new diagnostic tools & treatments for cancer, new methodology & techniques
Call opens	-
Final deadline	<b>Fri 15 Aug 2025 4:00 pm Eastern Time (b)</b>
Evaluation results	7 Nov 2025 (b)
Signature of agreement	NA
Earliest date of implementation	1 <sup>st</sup> day of January/February/March/April 2026 (b)
Latest date of implementation	-
Sustainability	None
Reporting	1) Annual progress report at the end of the 11 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 35 <sup>th</sup> months of funding; 2) Final progress report; 3) Financial expenditure reports submitted within 60 days of the end of each award year.
Project duration (min-max)	<b>48 months</b>
Allocation for the call	NA
Project budget (min-max)	<b>\$300,000</b>
Success rate	NA
Eligible costs	Stipend Y1 <b>\$70,000</b> , Y2 <b>\$72,000</b> , Y3 <b>\$74,000</b> , Y4 <b>\$76,000</b> Research, educational, (health insurance) expense allowance <b>\$2,000</b> per year Dependent child allowance <b>\$1,000</b> per child per year No part of this grant can be used for indirect costs, institutional overheads, postdoctoral scholar registration fees or fellowship taxes.
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, One Exchange Plaza, 55 Broadway, Suite 302, New York, NY 10006; <a href="http://www.damonrunyon.org">www.damonrunyon.org</a> +1 212 455 0520, <a href="mailto:awards@damonrunyon.org">awards@damonrunyon.org</a>
Call identifier	Damon Runyon Fellowship 2024
Call info	The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation encourages all theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies and prevention.
Conditions / Restrictions	Postdoctoral candidates must apply for the fellowship under the guidance of a <b>Sponsor</b> —a scientist (tenured, tenure-track or equivalent position) capable of providing mentorship to the Fellow. Awards are made to institutions for the support of the Fellow under direct supervision of the Sponsor (a tenure-track scientist) capable of providing mentorship. In addition to aiding in the planning, execution and supervision of the proposed research, the Sponsor's role is to foster the development of the Fellow's overall knowledge, technical and analytical skills, and capacity for scientific inquiry. The Sponsor is also expected to assist the Fellow in attaining his/her career goals. Applicants must have received their PhD degrees no more than 18 months prior to the application deadline date, and must not have been in their Sponsors' labs for more than one year prior to the application deadline date. Applicants are expected to devote 100% of their time and effort to Damon Runyon-supported research activities. Candidates who have already accepted a postdoctoral research fellowship award are not eligible.

	<p>Only 1 fellowship will be accepted from a Sponsor, co-Sponsor or Fellow per review session; there is no limit to the number of applications from an institution. Second-, third- and fourth-year funding of awards is contingent upon satisfactory review of the annual progress reports.</p> <p>Any unexpected expense allowance may be carried over to the next award year, but any unexpected stipend must be returned to the Foundation at the end of each fellowship year.</p> <p>Fellows are permitted to obtain additional awards or grants to cover research expenses only. Fellows are not permitted to hold any other award or grant that supplements their stipend. Fellows are required to seek approval from the Foundation before applying for any other award or grant. Budgetary overlap is not allowed. It is critical that all current and pending grant support for your research be reported to the Foundation.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the host institution to make every effort to ensure that awardees comply with federal immigration policy.</p> <p>Fellows may not enter into confidentiality agreements that prevent or delay them from publishing and/or presenting their Damon Runyon-supported research. By accepting of the award, the grantee and the institution(s) agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Intellectual Property Policy.</p> <p>Manuscripts have to be publicly available in PubMed Central no later than 12 months after the official date of journal publication.</p> <p>The Foundation has established an annual fund of <b>\$25,000</b> for open access fee reimbursement policy that is available on a first-come, first-served basis to current awardees to pay fees incurred by publishing in open access journals.</p> <p>The Foundation hosts an annual scientific retreat. First- and third-year fellows are required to attend to present a poster or an oral presentation of their work.</p> <p>The Foundation will allow up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave for birth/adoptive parents consistent with their institution's policy.</p> <p>Damon Runyon Fellows are eligible to apply for the <b>Dale F. Frey Award</b> for Breakthrough Scientists in the fourth year of their funded period, <a href="https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/breakthrough">https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/breakthrough</a>.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>Register your ORCID iD, <a href="https://orcid.org/register">https://orcid.org/register</a></p> <p>Application must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL, <a href="https://proposalcentral.altum.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=171">https://proposalcentral.altum.com/GrantOpportunities.asp?GMID=171</a></p> <p>The complete application should include the following in sequence order</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Application cover sheet</b> with all required signatures (electronic/scanned). If applying under the mentorship of two Sponsors, your second Sponsor must fill out the <b>co-Sponsor cover sheet</b> (applicant)</li> <li>2) <b>Sponsor's biosketch</b> in NIH format including a list of current funding, do not include Sponsor's full bibliography (use template 1, Sponsor)</li> <li>3) <b>Sponsor's letter of support</b> evaluating the candidate's qualifications for the proposed research project and an assessment of the candidate's potential for successful independent cancer research. [If applying under the mentorship of two Sponsors the letter should be written jointly by both sponsors] (Sponsor)</li> <li>4) <b>Sponsor's comprehensive and detailed training plan</b> for the candidate, up to 2 pages. [If applying under the mentorship of two Sponsors, the training plan for the candidate must be <u>written jointly</u> and each co-Sponsor must submit his/her individual track record of mentorship with list of graduate and postdoctoral fellows trained.] (Sponsor)</li> <li>5) <b>Sponsor's mentorship track record</b> with names and current positions of graduate &amp; postdoctoral trainees from the past 10 years (use template 2, Sponsor)</li> <li>6) <b>Applicant's biosketch</b> in NIH format. Do not complete the "Scholastic Performance" section. (use template 1, applicant)</li> <li>7) <b>Applicant's Research Support</b> form (if applicable, use template, applicant)</li> <li>8) <b>Applicant's bibliography</b> separate list with hyperlinks to each publication, preprints on bioRxiv permissible (applicant)</li> <li>9) <b>Applicant's letter</b> (2 pages): (i) previous research and teaching experience; (ii) statement on the transformative impact he/she had on his/her field of research as a graduate student; (iii) if applicant is training at the same institution in which he/she received his/her degree, an explanation of the reason(s) for remaining at the same institution (applicant)</li> <li>10) <b>Applicant's personal statement</b> (1 page): (i) what they anticipate gaining from this award with respect to impact and career development; (ii) (optional)</li> </ol>

	<p>personal background, may choose to indicate if they identify as an individual <a href="https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented">underrepresented in the life sciences</a> (<a href="https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented">https://diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented</a>)</p> <p>11) <b>Statement of applicant's long-term commitment</b> to a career in cancer research, this statement should be no longer than 1 paragraph and indicate what applicant plans to do after completing his/her postdoc (applicant)</p> <p>12) <b>Research proposal</b> including figures and/or tables incorporated into the text (max 5 pages of single-spaced, 12-point type with at least 0.5 inch margins): (i) summary of the research proposed (this is in addition to the required summary form); (ii) brief background to the proposed research; (iii) state specific research objectives; (iv) description of methods; (v) significance of the proposed research to the Foundation's goals: understanding the causes and mechanisms of cancer and developing more effective cancer therapies and prevention; (vi) relevance of applicant's background and the background and previous work of the Sponsor and any other investigators to the proposed research; (vii) list of references including the full title of each work cited, not included in the 5-page limit (applicant &amp; Sponsor)</p> <p>13) Copy of <b>Applicant's PhD diploma</b> (applicant)</p> <p>14) <b>Summary of Research Form</b>, not to exceed 1 page, same as abstract: cut and paste (applicant &amp; Sponsor)</p> <p>15) <b>Collaboration Letters</b>. If applicable, up to two letters from collaborators indicating their willingness to contribute equipment, materials, or expertise (collaborators)</p> <p>The applicant must find referees to supply separately <b>three letters of reference</b> from qualified individuals, other than the candidate's Sponsor, who can evaluate the candidate's qualifications for the proposed research project and assess the candidate's potential for successful independent cancer research, one of the reference letters must come from the candidate's thesis advisor (<b>must</b> use the reference letter form, referees)</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>1) The quality of the research proposal (importance of the problem, originality of approach, appropriateness of techniques and clarity of presentation).</p> <p>2) The qualifications, experience and productivity of both the applicant and the Sponsor.</p> <p>3) The quality of the research training environment in which the proposed research is to be conducted and its potential for broadening and strengthening the applicant's ability to independently conduct innovative and substantive research. The proposed research and training environment should represent a new opportunity for the applicant to expand his/her scientific skill set.</p>
Research areas	All theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of <b>cancer</b> and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies and prevention.
Call workshop	None
IOCB contact	Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help at <a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a> , +420 183 179
Download documents	<p>Damon Runyon 2025-2 Summary</p> <p>Damon Runyon 2025 template 1 biosketch</p> <p>Damon Runyon 2025 template 2 sponsor trainee list</p> <p>Damon Runyon 2025 Research Support Form</p>