

2025 Call for Applications



We are looking for:

- Curious and creative scientists interested in pursuing ambitious postdoctoral research with world-leading scientists **in a field different from their PhD**. This **scientific pivot from the PhD research field to a distinct postdoctoral research field during the Fellowship is core to our Program**.
- **Academically excellent, risk-positive**, early-career researchers who can demonstrate a commitment to **ambitious, high-impact science**.
- **Future leaders** with the **scientific curiosity, moral force of character, and collaborative spirit** to lead teams and unlock transformative discoveries.
- To learn more, please watch our video: [Who is a Schmidt Science Fellow?](#)

As a Schmidt Science Fellow, you will receive:

- A personal stipend of **US\$110,000 per year** for up to two years of postdoctoral study **in a different area from your PhD**, at any approved location **worldwide**.
- **Scientific freedom** to pursue ambitious research goals, take risks, and have bold ideas.
- Personalized mentoring to help develop as **scientific and societal thought leaders**.
- A **bespoke professional development curriculum** delivered across three week-long residential convenings and a rich set of virtual offerings through our [Science Leadership Program](#).
- A **lifelong fellowship community** with continued support, interaction, and collaboration opportunities. This stimulating and caring fellowship community is at the heart of the Schmidt Science Fellows Program and is a distinguishing factor among other postdoctoral funding opportunities.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be studying for a PhD in natural sciences (Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Sciences), Engineering, Mathematics, Computing – or any of the sub-disciplines, at one of our nominating partner institutions. Individuals on clinical track MD-PhD or Veterinary-PhD programs are not eligible.
- Expect to complete all requirements for the conferral of your PhD between **May 15, 2024 and June 30, 2025**, be able to start your Fellowship in **July 2025 or October 2025** and be available from **April 2025 to July 2026** to attend onboarding activities, and in-person convenings.
- Be formally nominated by the designated official at your institution.

Please note: Application and selection process and delivery of Fellowship programming will be in English.

Next steps:

- ❑ **Please contact your university coordinator in the first instance for complete details.** If you do not know who this is, contact nominations@schmidtsciencefellows.org. Registration opens **May 9, 2024** and closes **May 30, 2024**. Application deadline is **July 10, 2024**.