Limited Submissions Internal Call for Nominations

Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering

Internal Deadline: February 1, 2018

Dear Chairs, Center/Institute Directors, and Administrators,

The David and Lucille Packard Foundation invites UNC-CH to provide nominations for the annual Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering program. UNC-CH is one of 50 institutions invited to participate in the 2018 competition. Below you will find the internal nomination procedure, award information, and eligibility requirements.

UNC Internal Deadline to ORD: 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2018
Packard Foundation Deadline for Nominations: Thursday, March 15, 2018
Packard Foundation Deadline for full Applications: Friday, April 20, 2018

To be eligible, candidates must be in the first three years of their faculty careers, and, engaged in research in the natural and physical sciences or engineering.

For Nominations

Submit the following to Denise Lindley in ONE document (Word or PDF), Office of Research Development, Limited_Submissions@unc.edu by 5:00 p.m. Thursday February 1, 2018:

1. Letter of nomination from the department chair, school dean (if there are no departments within school), or center/institute director for the candidate.
2. A 2-page research statement. This statement should describe the importance of the research, outline goals for the next five years, and indicate how funds will be used (the budget at the internal consideration stage is not binding). Include relevant figures or references on a separate page.
3. A biosketch in NIH or NSF format not to exceed 5 pages, to include: Honors and Awards, current and pending external research support, and publications
4. The names of 3 people who are personally familiar with the nominee’s work and creative ability and who can provide letters of recommendation; at least 1 person
must be someone who has had no supervisory or collaborative contact with the nominee.

5. Names of three internal (to UNC) experts who could speak knowledgeably about the candidate’s research and potential as part of an internal review panel, in the event of an internal review.
   - Please do not include the names of faculty named on the project, chairs, deans, directors, direct reports or others who have a conflict of interest
   - Please notify all potential internal reviewers before submitting the nomination packet to ORD

Award Information

Number of applications per institution: 2

Funding and Award Period: Eighteen nominees nationally will receive Packard Fellowships. Grants total $875,000, distributed over five years ($175,000 per year) with $17,500 available to the University for administrative costs.

Previous UNC-CH Recipients: Bo Li, Chemistry (2016); Jillian Dempsey, Chemistry (2015); Jim Cahoon, Chemistry (2014); Sam Lai, Eshelman School of Pharmacy (2013); David Nicewicz, Chemistry (2012).

To learn more about Packard Fellowship recipients, visit the Fellows Directory at https://www.packard.org/what-we-fund/science/packard-fellowships-for-science-and-engineering/.

Program Overview

The Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering program invests in future leaders who have the freedom to take risks, explore new frontiers in their fields of study, and follow uncharted paths that may lead to groundbreaking discoveries.

In 1988, the Foundation established the Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering to allow the nation’s most promising early career professors to pursue their science and engineering research with few funding restrictions and limited paperwork requirements. Over 29 years, the Foundation has awarded $394 million to support over 577 scientists and engineers from 54 top national universities. It is among the nation's largest nongovernmental fellowships, designed to allow maximum flexibility on how the funding is used. Packard Fellows have gone on to receive many additional awards and honors, including the Nobel Prize in Physics; the Fields Medal; the MacArthur Fellowships; and elections to the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering.

The Fellowship Program provides support for highly creative researchers early in their careers; faculty members who are well established and well-funded are less likely to receive the award. Packard Fellows are inquisitive, passionate scientists and engineers who take a creative approach to their research, dare to think big, and follow new ideas wherever they lead.

The Foundation emphasizes support for innovative individual research that involves the Fellows, their students, and junior colleagues, rather than extensions or components of large-scale, ongoing research programs. Recognizing that certain areas of contemporary science and engineering already have access to relatively generous funding (for example, clinical research, research associated with the design and
construction of large national facilities such as accelerators and space stations, and applied research of
direct relevance to national security), the Packard Fellowships are directed to other, less generously
supported fields.

**Eligibility Criteria**

UNC-CH can nominate two candidates for Packard Fellowships in Science and Engineering. Candidates
must be faculty members in the **first three years** of their faculty careers, that is, whose initial faculty
appointments began no earlier than May 31, 2015, and no later than May 31, 2018.

For more information about the Packard Fellowships in Science and Engineering program, please visit

**For more information:**
Please do not hesitate to contact Denise Lindley, Limited Submissions Coordinator, with questions at
Limited_Submissions@unc.edu or 962-7503.