



The 2017 Harvey L. Karp Discovery Award

Overview

Funded through a generous gift from international business leader and entrepreneur Harvey Karp, the **Harvey L. Karp Discovery Award** is intended to provide seed funding to the most exceptional young postdocs at UC Santa Barbara early in their careers and support their innovative research.

The Karp Discovery Award will provide support to one outstanding postdoc annually to enable cutting-edge research, research that might be considered too risky by agencies such as the NIH, launch promising projects, and nurture the careers of gifted young investigators. The award is intended to be highly competitive, bestowing upon the recipient a significant measure of independence. Domestic and international postdocs may apply.

Application Process

All Laboratory Heads (i.e. faculty) in the Division of Mathematical, Life & Physical Sciences (MLPS) are extended an invitation to nominate their most outstanding postdoctoral fellow who qualifies for this prestigious award.

A complete application package should include:

1. Written proposal of the suggested research, limited to **no more than 3 pages**, including a full budgetary analysis of the proposed research project. The total budget should not exceed \$47,000. Benefits should be added if salary is included. The proposal does not route through Office of Research so overhead is not included.
2. Curriculum vita
3. Two letters of recommendation from:
 - Laboratory head or faculty mentor,
 - Another scientist, either at UC Santa Barbara or another institution, who is familiar with the candidate's work.

The deadline for submission of applications is May 12, 2017

Submissions received after close of business on this date will not be considered for eligibility.

Once awarded, funds provided by the Karp Discovery Award may be used by the recipient for any costs associated with the proposed project. These may include salary (at the level set by the recipient's laboratory head and indicated in the proposed budgetary analysis within the proposal), research supplies, and access to vital equipment and instrumentation. Funds should be expended within the end of the award year.

The Karp Discovery Award Nomination Committee, which will be composed of highly-distinguished faculty representatives from various research areas in MLPS, will review the nominations and applications. The Committee will select the most outstanding postdoctoral fellow based on the quality, creativity, and promise of the proposed project. The decision will be announced by late June 2017.

The recipient of the Karp Discovery Award would provide Mr. Karp with a written stewardship report at the end of the first year reporting on the outcomes of the recipient's research and should be submitted via e-mail to Nancy Emerson (nancyemerson@ltsc.ucsb.edu). Mr. Karp would also welcome the opportunity to meet with the recipient and learn first-hand about their research program and goals.

Please email Nancy Emerson at nancyemerson@ltsc.ucsb.edu of your intent to apply by April 21, 2017. Include the following in your email:

- Name
- Department
- Campus mailing address
- Mentor name
- Mentor department
- Mentor campus mailing address
- Mentor email address

Please submit applications in PDF format, no later than May 12, 2017 to:

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