



2022 Application Instructions
Arizona State University

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Sunday, June 19 2022, 11:59pm Pacific Time

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Mistletoe Research Fellowships (MRF) are open to full-time postdoctoral fellows and advanced PhD candidates in most STEM fields and a few quantitative social science fields.

These disciplines broadly include:

- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Environmental Studies / Ecology / Earth Sciences
- Statistics / Data Science / Informatics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Health Science
- Life Sciences
- Experimental Psychology

If you are unsure as to whether your field is classified under a broad area, please reach out to our program for clarification *after* [checking the FAQ - Eligibility on our website](#).

In the 2022-2023 academic year, the Momental Foundation will award up to thirty-six (36) competitive Mistletoe Research Fellowships.

FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW APPLICANTS: If accepted into the program, you will need documentation of full-time postdoc employment at your university. Postdocs who are funded by external agencies are eligible as long as their primary employment relationship is with their university. Your full-time employment status must be maintained for the duration of your institution's 2022-2023 academic calendar year and should extend through May 31, 2023.

FOR PHD CANDIDATES: Although this fellowship is primarily directed at postdocs, it is also open to full-time PhD candidates who are "all but dissertation," meaning all your coursework is completed and a dissertation proposal has been approved. Here, full-time refers to individuals whose enrollment status is as a full-time student with stipend support. Your full-time enrollment status must be maintained for the duration of your institution's 2022-2023 academic calendar year and should extend through May 31, 2023.



RESIDENCY/CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Citizens and non-citizen permanent and temporary residents of the U.S. or Singapore are eligible to apply! Candidates who are temporary residents must hold a valid employment visa. If accepted, we will request documentation of visa status. Your visa status must allow you to remain in the country for the duration of your institution's 2022-2023 academic calendar year.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are submitted through our application portal, accessible at our website, <https://www.momentalfound.org>. You will begin by completing a brief eligibility screener. If MRF eligibility criteria are met, you will be automatically redirected to our application form and receive your log-in and password information via email.

WHAT TO EXPECT POST-AWARD

MRF recipients sign onto a Fellowship Agreement enacted between the Momenta Foundation and Arizona State University, which governs *Unfettered Research Grant* funding and general fellowship terms, including the *MRF Startup Collaboration*. Research Fellows additionally sign the Momenta Foundation's community agreements, which address specific participation requirements, conduct, non-disclosures and intellectual property policies pertaining to the *MRF Startup Collaboration*, the extracurricular professional training component of your fellowship.

Funds for the *Unfettered Research Grant* are transferred to Arizona State University on or before **September 1, 2022** and should be accessible right away.

Expenses incurred between July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 are within the grant spending period.

Grants may be used for university-approved research related expenses with few exceptions (see [FAQ – Unfettered Research Grant](#))! No institutional indirect / administrative charges may be taken out of these research grants and they cannot be used for salaries or fringe benefits.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

- *Early August*: Universities and applicants are notified by email of decisions made by the Momenta Foundation's Selection Committee.
- *September 16-18 (online)*: Accepted Research Fellows remotely attend our required **MRF Virtual Onboarding Workshop** where they will first connect with other members of their cohort! Online sessions are limited to a few hours a day and spread out to avoid 'zoom fatigue.'
- *November 3-6 (California, location TBD)*: All Research Fellows will attend our required in-person **MRF Match Workshop**, where they will meet the MRF Startups, match to their MRF Team of Research Fellows, and build relationships with members of the global Momenta community! Participants arrive Thursday, Nov 3 and depart Sunday, Nov 6.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before you begin your application, please be sure to have all the information and documents necessary to complete the following:

- Online application which includes some short answer essay questions.** You'll want to set aside an appropriate amount of time to complete the application.
- Names and email addresses for the two faculty members who you are requesting to fill out our online Recommendation Form.** We do not accept written letters, only recommendations through our online platform. Your recommenders should be academics who have worked with you in a supervisory role. Examples include PIs, mentors, senior co-authors, project collaborators, or course instructors. They may be individuals at institutions external to your university but they should have worked with you closely.
- A current copy of your Academic Curriculum Vitae** in PDF format.
- A statement of research**, up to 600 words, single spaced, 12 pt font, in PDF format. This is a condensed version of what you may have prepared for the academic job market. See our [FAQ](#) for further detail.
- Name and email address of the advisor supervising your postdoc or PhD** (PI, postdoc mentor, or dissertation chair). Your advisor will be sent a request to complete a short online form confirming your full-time employment status or your dissertation proposal date and confirming their permission for program participation. If your advisor is also serving as one of your faculty recommenders, they will receive separate requests for the Recommender Form and the Advisor Form.

APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding your eligibility or application please contact app@momentalfound.org with subject heading: [last name] [Arizona State University] MRF Application.