YALE UNIVERSITY • SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION
THE DAVID & LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION
Fellowships for Science & Engineering 2018

DEADLINES
Expressions of Interest (PI, Project Title) due January 16, 2018 (required)
January 23, 2018 – internal deadline
April 20, 2018 – sponsor deadline

SPONSOR’S WEBSITE
Program Information Page:
2018 Guidelines and Fellowship Advisory Panel
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FUNDING
$175,000 per year for 5 years. (Total: $875,000)

NOMINATION LIMITATION
Yale University may nominate two candidates.

PURPOSE
Awards are given to unusually creative researchers within the first three years of their faculty careers.
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. Fellowships are directed to researchers working in fields which are not yet generously
supported.

Areas that 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), will not be supported by the
Foundation.

Similarly, faculty members working in any eligible field 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 may lead.

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

ELIGIBILITY
- Candidates must be faculty members eligible to serve as principal investigators.
- Candidates must be within the first three (3) years of their faculty careers. The candidate’s initial
  faculty appointment should have begun no earlier than May 31, 2015 and no later than May 31, 2018.
- Candidates must be engaged in research in the physical and natural sciences or engineering.
  Disciplines that will be considered include: physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology, astronomy,
  computer science, earth science, ocean science, and all branches of engineering.

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PAST RECIPIENTS NOMINATED by YALE:


INTERNAL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

• Expressions of Interest (PI, Project Title) due January 16, 2018 (required)
• Submit by Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 5:00pm. No exceptions.

For the Packard competition, follow the instructions below. Do not use the standard instructions provided on the Scholar Awards website. Submit the following items as a single PDF to: melanie.smith@yale.edu and cc: osp@yale.edu.

1. Complete the Scholar Awards face page at http://your.yale.edu/node/9391.

2. Letter of recommendation from your department chair. (see Foundation’s guidelines, page 3)

   The letter should:
   - describe first-hand knowledge of the applicant’s ability to do creative research.
   - emphasize information not available in other letters of recommendation.
   - address explicitly the impact that the Packard award would have on the career of the applicant.

   On a separate page, please comment on the strength of the applicant’s external references.

3. A research statement describing why the research is important and outlining your general goals for the next five years. Please follow the Packard format outlined in the Foundation’s guidelines (page 3).

4. Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV).

5. The names of four external references. At least one referee must be a person who has not had supervisory or collaborative contact with the applicant.

   For each referee, please include:
   - a brief biography of the referee and indicate your relationship to the referee
   - list employment history and awards/honors received
     (former Packard Fellow, member of National Academy, etc.)

Internal proposals will be evaluated on:
- the impact and strength of the proposed research;
- how well the proposal meets the Packard Foundation’s stated criteria;
- the qualifications of the named external references; and
- the strength of the chair’s letter of recommendation.

Successful proposals have the following characteristics:

- The proposal explains clearly why the idea is out of the box, risky and innovative i.e. the kind of idea that will generate discussion amongst panel members).
- The work and its significance are put in context of the larger field.
- The proposal is accessible to a group of very successful scientists from a diverse set of fields (i.e. stay away from field-specific jargon)
- The proposal lists high impact referees who will be able to emphasize how the Fellowship will make a significant impact on the nominee's career and how it will make that difference for them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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