

APPLICATION FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FUNDING

Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

SCSB Cover Page

Project Title		
Name of applicant		
Last:	First:	Middle:
Current title:		
Affiliation:		
PhD Award Date:		MIT Start Date:
Applicant's contact information		Campus contacts (MIT Applicants)
Email:		MIT Building/Office:
Street:	City, State:	MIT Fiscal Contact:
ZIP:	Office Phone:	MIT Fiscal Contact Email:
Primary advisor (must be member of MIT faculty)		
Last:	First:	Email:
Title:		
Affiliation:		
Fund Center (to be completed by Fiscal Officer):		
Secondary advisor (required only for applicants currently at MIT)		
Last:	First:	Email:
Title:		
Affiliation:		
Recommendation contacts		
Rec. 1 Name:		Rec. 1 Email:
Rec. 2 Name:		Rec. 2 Email:
Rec. 3 Name:		Rec. 3 Email:
Applicant's citizenship status		
U.S. Citizen or U.S. Noncitizen National:		Permanent resident of the U.S.:
Permanent resident of U.S. pending:		Non-U.S. citizen with temporary U.S. Visa:

If you are a Non-U.S. citizen,
please specify U.S. Visa type* and
effective dates (start and end) of your visa: MM/YYYY- MM/YYYY

* If you are sponsored by an employment visa through MIT, you may not be eligible for this fellowship. To see if this applies to you, we encourage you to check your individual visa eligibility guidelines. More information can be found here: <https://ischo.mit.edu/mit-administrators/visa-processing-information/h-1b-visa>. Additionally, if you are an internal applicant, please feel free to reach out to your unit's HR officer if you have questions pertaining to your visa eligibility.

Proposed start and end dates (earliest start date: December 1, 2025; latest start date: May 31, 2026) Maximum two (2) years, second year conditional upon satisfactory review at end of year one	
Begin (MM/DD/YY):	End (MM/DD/YY):
Prior and/or current Simons support (If applicable)	
Type of award:	
Title of award/proposal:	
Begin (MM/DD/YY):	End (MM/DD/YY):
Lay summary	
Brief (100-200 word) summary of the project for lay readers.	

Application materials:

Cover Page. SCSB cover page form, including a brief lay summary of your proposed project.

Supporting documents

- **Training Proposal.** A training proposal (4 pages maximum, 11 point Arial font, single-spaced, 1 inch margins on all sides) containing a brief description of training goals, proposal summary, specific aims, background, preliminary data if any, and experimental design and methods. References cited can be listed on additional pages. Please remember our review and steering committees include individuals with varied interests, thus your application should explain the significance of your work within the larger field of autism research in a simple way.
- **Biosketch** in the NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship format as follows (maximum 5 pages):

Please see instructions and sample form available through:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

A. Personal statement. Briefly describe why you are well-suited to receive the award for which you are applying. The relevant factors may include aspects of your training; your previous experimental work on this specific topic or related topics; your technical expertise; your collaborators or scientific environment; and your past performance in this or related fields (you may mention specific contributions to science that are not included in Section C). Also, you may identify up to four peer-reviewed publications that specifically highlight your experience and qualifications for this project.

B. Positions and Honors. List in chronological order all non-degree training, including postdoctoral research training, all employment after college, and any military service. This information is used in reviewing the application and in determining the stipend level for Postdoctoral Fellowships. List any honors that would reflect upon your qualifications for a Fellowship.

C. Contributions to Science. Considering your level of experience, briefly describe your most significant contributions to science. While all applicants may describe up to five contributions, you are encouraged to consider highlighting two or three you consider most significant. These may include research papers, abstracts, book chapters, reviews, as well as non-publication research products, such as materials, methods, models, or protocols. For each contribution, indicate the historical background that frames the scientific problem; the central finding(s); the relevance of the finding(s) to science, technology, or public health; and your specific role in the described work. For each contribution, you may reference up to four peer-reviewed publications. Also provide a URL to a full list of your published work as found in a publicly available digital database such as SciENcv or My Bibliography.

D. Scholastic Performance. Using the chart provided, list by institution and year all undergraduate courses and graduate scientific and/or professional courses germane to the training sought under this award with grades. In the space following the chart, explain any marking system if other than 1-100, A, B, C, D, F, or 0-4.0 if applicable. Show levels required for a passing grade.

YEAR	SCIENCE COURSE TITLE	GRADE	YEAR	OTHER COURSE TITLE	GRADE

Advisor Materials. Include your primary advisor's NIH-format CV and a statement from the primary advisor (one page maximum, single spaced) containing a mentoring plan. For applicants currently at MIT, include a statement from the secondary advisor commenting on the candidate and the project. (Candidates not yet at MIT will be required to identify a secondary advisor at another MIT lab or Boston-area institution within six months of the start date of their fellowship.)

Please compile the above documents into one PDF and email to scsb-funding@mit.edu.

Letters of recommendation:

- List names, titles, addresses, emails, and phone numbers of three (3) respondents who you will request to provide letters of recommendation on your behalf. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly by referees directly to SCSB at scsb-funding@mit.edu.
- Name of applicant should be stated in the subject line and in opening paragraph of the letter. These three recommendations are in addition to the support letter(s) from your proposed advisor(s).