How to Apply

- Find research opportunities that match your interests by exploring our Website: www.nationalacademies.org/rnp
- Contact prospective Research Adviser(s) to discuss your interests. Adviser contact information can be found on the Website. Note that you may apply for up to three laboratories with one application.
- Apply online using the WebRAP electronic application system.
- Submit supporting documents, including transcripts and letters of reference.

Competitive awards are available for scientists and engineers to conduct independent research in federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. Awards include attractive stipends, health insurance, professional travel and relocation.

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The NRC Associateship Programs

The National Research Council (NRC) administers competitive graduate, postdoctoral and senior research awards on behalf of 26 U.S. federal research agencies and affiliated institutions with facilities at over 100 locations throughout the U.S. and abroad. Awardees have the opportunity to:

- conduct independent research in an area compatible with the interests of the sponsoring laboratory
- devote full-time effort to research and publication
- access the excellent and often unique facilities of the federal research enterprise
- collaborate with leading scientists and engineers at the sponsoring laboratories

Eligibility

Awards are available for scientists and engineers at all stages of their career. Applicants should hold, or anticipate receiving, an earned doctorate in science or engineering. Degrees from universities abroad should be equivalent in training and research experience to a degree from a U.S. institution. Many awards are open to foreign nationals as well as to U.S. citizens.

The Application Process

Applications for awards are reviewed by panels of distinguished scientists and engineers representing the disciplines of Chemistry; Earth, Atmospheric and Space Sciences; Engineering, Applied Science, and Mathematics; Life Sciences; and Physics. Awards are made based on ranking assigned by the review panel.

Prospective applicants should refer to the NRC Website at www.nationalacademies.org/rap for specific information.

Detailed program information, including application deadlines and instructions on how to apply, are also available on the NRC Associateship Programs Website.

Applications must be submitted electronically. Follow application instructions carefully. Questions regarding the programs may be directed to rap@nas.edu or 202-334-2760 (phone)

Receiving an NRC Research Associate Award

Awards are initially for 12 months with renewal for a second or third year determined by evaluation of the Associate’s progress, and the need to continue the research; Senior awards may be for shorter periods. Summer Faculty awards are for 8-14 weeks, renewable for up to 3 successive summers. The tenure for Davies Fellows is three years and is divided between the U.S. Military Academy (for teaching) and the Army Research Laboratory (for research).

Research is conducted in collaboration with an Adviser who is a member of the senior professional staff at the laboratory. Research Advisers provide guidance, advice, and support for the Associate during their tenure.

Stipend and Benefits

Research Associates receive annual stipends from the NRC ranging from $42,000 to $80,000 for recent Ph.D. recipients and are proportionally higher for Senior Associates. Graduate entry level stipends begin at $30,000 and are higher for additional experience. In addition, the NRC provides health insurance, relocation benefits and an allowance for professional travel. The host laboratory provides research facilities, equipment and funding for supplies to support the Associate’s research.