

Smithsonian Stable Isotope Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline: December 1

Duration: Applicants must propose to conduct research in residence for a period of 12 months, at least four months of which will be spent on-site at the Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute or Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute laboratory.

Description: The Office of Fellowships and Internships is offering an Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellowship in the area of stable isotope sciences. Research proposals must integrate the use of stable isotopes ($2\text{H}/1\text{H}$, $13\text{C}/12\text{C}$, $15\text{N}/14\text{N}$, and $18\text{O}/16\text{O}$) into their specific research questions.

- Stable isotope analysis must comprise a significant portion of the research. The successful applicant will conduct analyses at one of the two Pan-Institutional isotope facilities (MCI Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometry Facility in Suitland, MD or at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama City, Panama).
- Applicants who wish to be considered for both the Smithsonian Institution Postdoctoral Fellowship and the Smithsonian Stable Isotope Postdoctoral Fellowship should submit separate applications for each program.

For additional information on the Smithsonian [Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometry Facility](#) in Suitland, MD, please contact Christine France (francec@si.edu). For additional information on the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Mass Spectrometry Facility in Panama City, contact Ben Turner (turnerbl@si.edu).

Eligibility:

Applicants must have completed or be near completion of their Ph.D. Recipients who have not completed the Ph.D. at the time of application must provide proof of completion of the degree before the fellowship begins. Smithsonian scholars in appropriate fields will review the complete application. Applications will be evaluated on the following:

- The proposal's merit.
- The proposal's relevance in terms of the Smithsonian's Strategic Plan and how the research reflects one or more of the [Four Grand Challenges](#).
- The ability of the applicant to carry out the proposed research and study.
- The extent to which the Smithsonian, through its staff members and resources, can contribute to the proposed research.

Who is Ineligible?

No employee or contractor of the Smithsonian Institution may hold a Smithsonian fellowship during the time of his/her employment or contract.

A fellowship may not be awarded to any person who has been employed by or under contract to the Institution in the previous year without the prior approval of the Office of Fellowships and Internships.

Award: Postdoctoral Researcher, \$48,000 annually with a research allowance up to \$4,000. Smithsonian fellowship stipends are not salary or compensation. They are meant to support study and research during the tenure of the appointment and cannot be issued retroactively. All funds provided under Smithsonian Institution fellowships, including stipends and research and travel allowances, are subject to tax. Fellows awarded stipends receive a financial summary at the end of each calendar year and are responsible for meeting their own state and federal tax obligations.

In addition to a base stipend, awardees may receive allowances to assist with the fellow's research related expenses and for temporary relocation to the Smithsonian. The budget for the research allowance should not include costs for relocation to the Smithsonian, which is awarded separately. A maximum research allowance of \$4,000 is available. The amount awarded will be determined based upon the budget and justification presented by the applicant.

The Office of Fellowships and Internships cannot provide funds for the travel or living expenses of dependents.

How to apply:

The Smithsonian Office of Fellowships and Internships (OFI) is in charge of running this program. To learn more about required materials and how to apply, please visit [the program's web page](#).

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Fellowships and Internships at 202-633-7070 or send an email to siofi@si.edu.