

THE AGOURON INSTITUTE
Fellowship Program in Geobiology
Applications in 2021

Fellowship Description: At least three postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded in 2021* for young investigators pursuing studies in the field of Geobiology particularly those studies that merge an understanding of modern biological processes with application to interpretation of the ancient rock record. The Agouron Institute encourages cross-disciplinary training; therefore, it is desirable for students who have conducted PhD level studies on modern processes to submit proposals focused on ancient geobiological processes, and vice versa. Each award includes an annual stipend (\$65,000/year one, \$67,000/year two). An annual research allowance (\$5,000 for supplies and travel) will be provided. Supplemental funding for healthcare and institutional fringe benefits will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Funding will be issued annually to the host institution.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from students completing or have recently completed graduate studies for PhD or equivalent degrees. Preference will be for applicants with no more than one year of postdoctoral experience. International students are welcome to apply. Award can only be issued to non-profit research universities or research institutions. **Only ONE application may be submitted per research sponsor.**

Application: Please submit electronically only once the application and proposal to info@agi.org. Be sure to have in the subject line: “Geobio Fellowship App: Your Name.” Please complete the following (1-3 below) in Times or Times New Roman (font size 12). Please use side margins no smaller than 0.5 inch with a bottom margin of 1” (1.7” for A4 paper).

1. Application form (4 pages) that includes a short summary of prior research experience, summary of proposed research and a personal autobiographical statement.
2. Brief research proposal (2-3 pages; references page 4; figures page 5 if needed). Be sure to include the title of the proposal at the beginning of the proposal.
3. References Please complete the top of the form (see below) and send it to your references. a) postdoctoral research sponsor b) thesis advisor, and c) two additional research scientists.

Instructions to those writing reference letters: Please send only one electronic file per applicant. The ranking evaluation is required. Either include a letter with the ranking form or provide a ranking at the beginning of the reference letter.

Please have reference form/letters submitted electronically to info@agi.org. Be sure to have in the subject line: “Geobio Fellowship Reference: Applicant Name.”

Deadline: Application materials must be received annually by **March 15**. Awards will be announced by May 15. Fellowships may begin during the period of July 1 to January 15.

* Fellowships awarded in May 2021 will be listed by fiscal year of funding, 2022 (fiscal 2022 = July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

files: Application form and Reference form (same forms used annually).