



Pilot Program: Short Term Postdoc Support (STePS)

To move closer to our preeminence goals, the UCF Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) has allocated funding to support recent UCF PhD graduates through a new program. The term of support is six (6) months, with the expressed understanding that the postdoc will be employed at least through the month of October, when the official NSF/NIH Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS) occurs. PIs will cover the first two months and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will cover the latter four months. At a minimum annual salary of \$55,000, the six-month breakdown (including fringe) is PI: \$10,000, OPA: \$23,825. (If a PI chooses to pay the postdoc over the minimum salary, or after the six-month period, the PI will need to absorb the difference.)

Funding will be awarded on a first come, first served basis with the stipulation that each PI (unless funding is still available) will only be awarded STePS funding for one (1) postdoctoral scholar at a time. We are expecting to fund up to 30 STePS scholars per year.

Please note: At this time, a postdoc may not receive both STePS funding and P3 funding.

Eligibility

To be eligible for 2023 STePS funding, a student must be a spring or summer graduate or have completed ALL the required components for degree completion in early fall, such that they can be hired as a postdoc by October 1.

If the graduating student needs a foreign screening, as required by Florida Statute 1010.35, we recommend requesting this 60 days before graduation. Placement into the postdoc position cannot occur until this is completed. No exceptions.

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO POSTDOC@UCF.EDU.

Required Information from STePS Program participants:

Scholar's Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Source of Funding/Grant number for Salary: _____

Mentor's Name: _____ Affiliated Home Department _____

Please describe the area of research in which the postdoc will be working:

If the home department is not typically designated as STEM discipline, please identify the CIP code from the linked document that best describes the research area: _____

Please describe the activities the postdoc will engage in during their six-month assignment:

By signing below, I agree to the terms of the STePS program as laid out above.

PI Name: _____ PI Signature: _____