The McDonnell Center for Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology is launching a Postdoctoral Fellowship Program to support outstanding postdoctoral investigators within the Washington University neuroscience community. Applications are welcomed from postdoctoral fellows whose research fits within the Center's overall mission, which is to improve our understanding of the basic mechanisms underlying nervous system function in health and disease. Many specific areas of investigation are within this scope including but not limited to brain development, neural stem cell biology, axon and dendrite biology, synapse function, receptor biology, membrane channels, transporters, growth factors, signaling mechanisms, control of gene expression, mechanisms of intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders and other neuropsychiatric disorders, brain tumors, and neurodegenerative diseases. Applications must originate from postdoctoral investigators with at least one year of postdoctoral training in a laboratory at Washington University at the time of application. There are no requirements of citizenship or permanent residency status. Staff scientists, senior scientists, and instructors are not eligible to apply. If a postdoctoral fellow receives an award during the final year of postdoctoral training, funds can only be used during the postdoctoral period of training.

Funding will be $30,000 for one year and will begin on July 1, 2015. Funds must be used toward salary and fringe support. If a postdoctoral fellow receives another fellowship, remaining funds must be returned to the Center. At the conclusion of funding, awarded fellows must submit a one-page report outlining research progress and any publications arising from the work as well as future plans.

Applicants should submit this form along with a proposal of no more than 3 pages in length (11pt arial font with 1” margins) of text and figures (excluding references) containing specific aims, preliminary data, and research design together with a letter of nomination from the laboratory head and two other letters of reference by 5:00pm, April 24, 2015, to Amy Toenjes (toenjesa@npg.wustl.edu).

**Applicant Information.** Please fill in the information requested below:

Applicant Name:_____________________________ Department: __________________________

Email address:_____________________________ Contact Number:________________________

Signature:_____________________________ Date:____________________________

**Mentor and Department Chair**

The above Postdoctoral Fellow has applied to the McDonnell Center for a $30,000 funding opportunity which is available to use toward salary support only. Please sign below to indicate you as Mentor or your department will cover any difference between the $30,000 and the Fellow’s salary level.

Mentor
Signature:_____________________________ Printed Name:_____________________________ Date:____________________________

Department Chair
Signature:_____________________________ Printed Name:_____________________________ Date:____________________________