



Application Instructions
Princeton University

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Friday, June 4 2021, 11:59pm Pacific Time

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Mistletoe Research Fellowships are open to full-time postdoctoral fellows and advanced PhD candidates in most STEM fields and some fields of social science. These broadly include:

- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Environmental Studies / Ecology / Earth Sciences
- Statistics / Data Science / Informatics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Health Science
- Life Sciences
- Experimental Psychology

If you are unsure as to whether your field is classified under a broad area, please reach out to our program for clarification after [checking the FAQ on our website](#). If your field is not included, please note that we hope to expand the program in the next few years.

In the 2021-2022 academic year, the foundation will award twenty (20) Mistletoe Research Fellowships.

FULL-TIME STATUS: If accepted into the program, you will need documentation of full-time postdoc employment at your university. Postdocs who are funded by external agencies are eligible as long as their primary employment relationship is with their university. Full-time employment (i.e., fully supported) must be maintained for the duration of your institution's 2021-2022 academic calendar year and extend through May 31, 2022.

PHD STUDENTS:

The Mistletoe Research Fellowship is primarily directed at postdocs but is open to full-time "all but dissertation" PhD Candidates only at those partner institutions who have elected to allow their participation. At this time, PhD students at Princeton University **are not eligible** to participate in the Mistletoe Research Fellowship but please check back in future cycles.

RESIDENCY/CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Citizens and non-citizen permanent and temporary residents of the U.S. or Singapore are eligible to apply. Candidates who are temporary residents must hold a valid employment visa.



If accepted, we will need documentation of visa status. Your visa status must allow you to remain in the country for the duration of your institution's 2021-2022 academic calendar year.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are submitted through our application portal, accessible at the Momenta Foundation website, <https://www.momentalfound.org/>. All applicants begin by completing a brief eligibility screener. If eligibility criteria are met, applicants will be automatically directed to the application form and will receive log-in and password information over email.

WHAT TO EXPECT POST-AWARD

Mistletoe Research Fellowship recipients sign onto a Fellowship Agreement enacted between the Momenta Foundation and Princeton University, which governs the *Unfettered Research Grant* and the MRF Startup Collaboration. Research Fellows additionally will sign onto the Foundation's community agreements, which address participation requirements, conduct, non-disclosures and intellectual property policies pertaining to the *MRF Startup Collaboration*, the extracurricular professional training component of your fellowship.

Funds for the Unfettered Research Grant are transferred to Princeton University in early-to-mid August and enter a holding period until September 1, at which point Research Fellows may use the funds.

Grants may be used for university related research expenses with very few exceptions (see online [FAQ](#)). However, no indirect or institutional charges may be applied to grants and grants may not be used for salaries or fringe benefits.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

Late July – Early August: Universities and applicants are notified by email of decisions made by the Momenta Foundation's Selection Committee.

September 10-13: Mistletoe Research Fellows remotely attend the mandatory Match Workshop at which they will be onboarded into the program, form teams, match with a startup, and meet community mentors.

Note: in 2021 due ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be a Virtual Match Workshop, which will be highly interactive. This replaces the in-person Global Match Workshops in Tokyo, Singapore, and the Bay Area that were conducted prior to the pandemic.

Programming will be spread over a four-day period to avoid 'online platform fatigue' and Research Fellows will receive a mailed package of physical items for use in onboarding activities.

Mid - September: The Foundation's Online Learning Community opens for collaboration!



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before you begin your application, please be sure to have the following information and documents available:

- Online application which includes short answer essay questions. Please set aside an appropriate amount of time to complete the application.
- Names and email addresses for the two faculty members from whom you are requesting recommendations (Please note that your recommenders should be academics who have worked with you in a supervisory role. Examples include PIs, mentors, senior co-authors, project collaborators, or course instructors. They may be individuals at institutions external to your university but should have worked with you closely.)
- A current copy of your Academic Curriculum Vitae in PDF format.
- A statement of research, up to 600 words, single spaced, 12pt font, in PDF format. This is a condensed version of what you may prepared for the academic job market. See our [FAQ](#) for further detail.
- Name and email address of the advisor supervising your postdoc (PI or postdoc mentor). Your advisor will confirm online that you have full-time employment and permission to participate in the program.

APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding your eligibility or application please contact app@momentalfound.org with subject heading: [last name] [university] MRF Application.



Online Information Session and Q&A!

Come join us to learn more about

The Mistletoe Research Fellowship

*a \$10,000 "unfettered" research grant and professional development opportunity
for postdoctoral scholars.*

Session 1 @ Friday, May 14 at 12pm PDT/3pm EDT [Register HERE for Session 1!](#)

Session 2 @ Wednesday, May 19 at 5:30pm PDT/8:30pm EDT [Register HERE for Session 2!](#)

Jennifer Reynolds-Kaye, Director of University Relations at the Momenta Foundation, will present a brief overview of the **Mistletoe Research Fellowship**, followed by a live forum to answer your grant application questions!

These 45-minute sessions will be held on Zoom. Advanced registration is required.

[See our Request for Applications \(RFA\) Here](#)

Deadline to Apply is **June 4, 2021** at 11:59 Pacific Time

We encourage you to begin your application before attending the session and come prepared with questions. This will ensure we make the most of our time together and empower you to submit the best application possible!

Please direct all questions to app@momentalfound.org.

The Mistletoe Research Fellowship

Deadline: Friday, June 4, 2021 at midnight PDT

The **Momenta Foundation** welcomes applications to the Mistletoe Research Fellowship (MRF) for the 2021-2022 academic year! Accepted fellows will receive funding by early September. The application is available via the online portal at our website (<https://bit.ly/MRFapply>) and applications will be accepted until **Friday, June 4, 2021**.

The **Mistletoe Research Fellowship (MRF)** offers a unique career and funding opportunity to postdoctoral scholars* - by combining \$10,000 in *unrestricted research funding* with *professional*

development training via remote entrepreneurial collaboration. Every Mistletoe Research Fellow participates in **two programs (see below)** designed to build communication and project management skills that will help them to succeed and work more effectively with outside collaborators, whether they seek industry careers or to pursue a position in academia.

The Unfettered Research Grant

Provides fellowship recipients with USD \$10,000 of unrestricted research funding that can be applied to almost any university-approved research-related activity, including conference travel.

The MRF Startup Collaboration

An extracurricular professional training program in which Research Fellows join remote interdisciplinary teams and learn to apply their scholarship and expertise to help frontier technology startups to further the development of products with high social impact and humanitarian potential.

In 2021, the Momental Foundation will award **20 competitive fellowship opportunities** to scholars from a small cohort of R1 partner universities as well as one elite foreign institution. Postdoc participants must remain full-time postdoctoral fellows throughout the 2021-2022 academic calendar year. At this time, Mistletoe Research Fellowships are open to most STEM fields and some fields of Social Science (please check the [FAQ](#) for clarification).

These fields broadly include:

Engineering, Life Sciences, Health Science, Environmental Studies / Ecology / Earth Sciences,
Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Statistics / Data Science / Informatics,
Computer Science, and Experimental Psychology

[Apply Here](#)

The Momental Foundation is a California public-benefit nonprofit corporation dedicated to scientific and technological advancement for the public good. Our mission is to build bridges between the academic, entrepreneurial, and civil communities to create a more human-centered and sustainable future through technology. We are a member organization of Taizo Son's Mistletoe, Inc. global collective impact community, which brings together founders, researchers, investors, and visionaries who share the lofty ambition of addressing the problems humanity faces in the near and long-term future.

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