

## **BLAVATNIK AWARDS FAQ FOR STONY BROOK POSTDOCS**

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#### **Who is eligible to submit a nomination package?**

Current postdocs working at Stony Brook University who: have earned a doctoral degree; who are younger than about 42 (see the exact date on the website); and have made significant research contributions to disciplines within the life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, or engineering. For a full list of eligible disciplines, visit: <http://blavatnikawards.org/regional-awards/regionaldisciplines/> .

Current SBU postdocs include, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, those with the title Postdoctoral Associate, Senior Postdoctoral Associate, or Postdoctoral Fellow. If you and your advisor believe you are a postdoctoral scholar, then you are eligible.

#### **What is the deadline for submitting nomination materials?**

Completed nomination packages must be submitted to the on-campus selection process **by the on-campus deadline** (see the [Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website](#)). Stony Brook University will then review them and select the 15 candidates whose packages will be forwarded on to the regional award competition.

#### **Who is the official nominator for Stony Brook?**

Stony Brook University's official nominator is SBU's Provost. The 15 applications that will be forwarded on to the regional competition will be selected from the on-campus competition managed by the Office for the Integration of Research, Education, and Professional Development. Postdocs may self-nominate by submitting their package for consideration to the IREP Office for the on-campus process.

#### **How do I nominate someone?**

Complete a nomination package, starting with the online SBU application form. Supplementary documents, listed below, should be submitted electronically to [irep@stonybrook.edu](mailto:irep@stonybrook.edu). Postdocs may nominate themselves.

#### **What should be included in a nomination package?**

A completed nomination package should include the following:

1. Completed SBU online application form, which will ask for:
  - a. basic biographical and contact information; and
  - b. contact information for two recommenders who can attest to the candidate's qualifications and research contributions to his/her field.

2. CV (max: 4 pages) Please note the CV has a very particular format. [PLEASE FOLLOW THE FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS](#). ([See example](#)) Filename format: LastName\_FirstName-CV.pdf
3. Research Summary (max: 1000 words, not including citations; one figure allowed) Filename format: LastName\_FirstName-Summary.pdf
4. Full-text publications and/or patents representing the candidate's best work (max: 4 publications) ONLY WORK PUBLISHED BY THE NOMINEE AS A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER WILL BE CONSIDERED.
5. Short (max: 200 words) rationale for nomination, explaining why the applicant would make a good nominee, discussing his/her strong record of significant independent scientific contributions, early career success, and promise of sustained or accelerated progress in the future.

For more details on the format and contents of each of these items, consult the Blavatnik Competition Guidelines section on "Supporting Documents."

**Should a postdoc's advisor/supervisor/PI submit a letter?**

No letters are required for submission to the nominating committee at Stony Brook, only contact information for two recommenders. Nominees may choose their postdoc advisor as one of their recommenders, and *this is recommended*. For those nominated for the regional competition, their recommenders will be contacted directly with submission instructions from the award staff and letters will be due shortly after the nomination portal closes. It is advised, however, that the postdoc's advisor help craft the nomination rationale.

**Who writes the nomination rationale?**

The official nomination rationale for the 15 candidates selected will come from the campus nominator. The rationale for nomination that you submit with your application will help inform this submission. Yes, it's fine for the postdoc to write it or BETTER, to ask the postdoctoral advisor to write it.

**More Questions?** Visit the [Blavatnik Awards Web site](#) or contact the IREP Office at [irep@stonybrook.edu](mailto:irep@stonybrook.edu).