Postdoctoral Mentoring Awards

**Purpose / Description:** Each year two principal investigators at Iowa State University are awarded for their excellence in mentorship of postdoctoral fellows. The purpose of this award is to promote a collaborative research environment for the postdoctoral fellows at Iowa State University, eventually leading to the successful transition of the fellows to the next stage in their career.

**Number of awards:** Two Awards

**Award:** Certificate

**Procedure:** All materials should be electronically submitted in a single file via email to Postdoc.vvmq6c9fzvjt1atj@u.box.com by April 15, 2019.

**Nomination process:** Only the PI’s current postdoctoral scholar or a former postdoctoral scholar who has completed the postdoctoral training within two years can nominate their mentor at Iowa State University. The following documents should be submitted via email to Postdoc.vvmq6c9fzvjt1atj@u.box.com with the subject line, “Nomination for Postdoctoral Mentoring Award.”

1. Nomination letter (from a current or former postdoctoral scholar)
2. Curriculum vitae of the PI being nominated
3. List of current postdoctoral scholars supervised
4. List of previous postdoctoral scholars, and their current employment situation
5. Statement of support (one page) from another current or former postdoctoral scholar.
6. Complete nomination form found on the next page (Postdoctoral Mentoring Award Form at Iowa State University)

**Selection process:** The nominations will be assessed by the Executive Board Members of the ISU Postdoctoral Association and three faculty appointed by the Graduate College and will be awarded based on majority vote from the committee. The board or the jury will select awardees according to the following criteria.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Excellence in the quality of scientific training provided
2. Quality of career-oriented mentoring
3. An investigator cannot be awarded if they won the award in the last 5 years.
4. Up to two PIs will be awarded in a given year.
Postdoctoral Mentoring Award Form at Iowa State University

Nominee ________________________________________________________________

Department (No acronyms) __________________________________________________

Lead nominator __________________________________________________________

Department ___________________________ Email _____________________________

Are you currently a postdoctoral fellow at ISU? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, which year did you leave ISU? _____________

Duration of the mentorship: _____ years and _____ months

Name for reference ________________________________ ______________________

Department __________________________________________________________

Is the reference currently a postdoctoral fellow at ISU? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, which year did he/she leave ISU? _____________

* The reference should be a current or former postdoc at ISU.

Summary of award nomination (one page). Consider addressing the following questions with specific examples (if possible):

(a) How does/did your PI recognize the value of your research work (also, "hands-on" professional development experiences for postdocs, such as writing papers or reviews and applying for grants/fellowships, teaching and mentoring)?

(b) How does/did your PI support you in areas other than research, i.e. promoting work/life balance, providing guidance for your future career, providing productive working environment that enhances the overall postdoctoral experience, and assisting the postdoctoral scholars in building a professional network through generous sharing of contacts?

(c) How does your PI demonstrate that you are a valuable member of your department/lab and of ISU?