

## CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship -- FAQ

### Applying/Eligibility

1. **Does CRI support research at foreign organizations?**
  - Yes, the fellowship can be performed in the United States or abroad but must take place at a non-profit institution.
2. **What is CRI's resubmission policy?**
  - CRI allows applicants to resubmit an unfunded application for subsequent deadlines following the completion of CRI's review process. However, CRI does not provide feedback or reviewer comments on applications. Applicants should provide details related to the progress made from the previous application when submitting in a subsequent round.
3. **Is there a limitation in the number of times I can apply for a fellowship award?**
  - No, as long as you still meet the eligibility requirements you may still apply.
4. **Can I apply to the CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship and to the CRI Immuno-Informatics Fellowship in the same cycle?**
  - No, an applicant cannot submit two applications in the same cycle of the CRI Postdoctoral Fellowship. Applicants must choose one fellowship track to apply for per cycle.
5. **Can an application that has been submitted to federal/non-federal organizations for funding also be submitted to CRI?**
  - Yes, an applicant may submit an application to CRI if the applicant has submitted or intends to submit it to a federal agency or foundation for consideration of funding. However, if the application has been selected for funding by another organization and the PI decides to accept that funding instead, please notify CRI immediately and withdraw the application from the review cycle.
6. **Can a fellow accept additional grants or fellowships as a CRI Fellow?**
  - Yes, provided that the fellowship stipend is the fellow's primary source of funding. Supplementation of the stipend is allowed; however, the fellowship may not supplement another award.
7. **Are applicant organizations eligible to submit multiple applications to a funding announcement?**
  - Yes, organizations may sponsor multiple fellows to submit an application to a CRI funding announcement, provided each application is scientifically distinct.
8. **The eligibility guidelines posted on the CRI website state, "only in exceptional circumstances will a fellowship be awarded to an applicant who will already have spent three years or more in the intended sponsor's laboratory by the start of the fellowship..." Can you clarify this?**
  - Typically, the Committee tends to favor applicants who wish to conduct postdoctoral fellowships in laboratories other than the one in which they conducted their graduate

studies. However, if the work you will conduct during your fellowship is much different from that of your graduate work, you could make a case for funding. If you apply, your sponsor will need to clearly delineate the reasons why staying in his/her lab will provide you training in new areas of research that you did not previously study.

- Note: The 5-year rule also applies to someone who has already done a postdoc in a sponsor's lab (other than where they did their grad studies) and is now applying to us for a second postdoc. Same is true regarding making a case for funding, if the work being done during the second postdoc is different than that of the first and fellow can show that the fellowship will indeed be training and not just an extra few years then they could potentially be competitive

**9. How does CRI calculate the number of relevant years of postdoctoral experience?**

- Applicants that will have already spent 5 or more years as a postdoctoral fellow by the date of activation are not eligible. For M.D.s, years of residency can be deducted from this calculation.

### **Preparing an Application**

**1. Is an IRB/IACUC/IBC Protocol required at the time of submission of the application?**

- No, however, applicants should list on the application "pending" if the protocol has not yet been approved. For applications that involve human subjects, vertebrate animals, recombinant DNA and other nonexempt biohazards, an applicable protocol number would need to be required following the acceptance of the award.

**2. Can I list co-sponsors on my application?**

- Yes, however, an applicant must submit a joint letter of support from both co-sponsors and provide the CV/biosketch for each sponsor. On the application form, please list both sponsors on the cover sheet (page 1) but choose a "lead sponsor" to provide contact information in the subsequent sections of the application.

**3. Can a sponsor or co-sponsor be listed on multiple applications in the same cycle?**

- A sponsor or co-sponsor can be listed on two applications in the same cycle if the applications are to different tracks of the CRI Postdoctoral Fellowship. Therefore, the only possible scenario where this is possible is when one application is submitted to the CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship (Standard or Postdoctoral Fellowship to Promote Racial Diversity) and another to the CRI Immuno-Informatics Fellowship.

**4. Is an NIH biosketch acceptable in place of a curriculum vitae?**

- Yes, you may submit a NIH biosketch in place of a curriculum vitae. When available the NIH biosketch is the preferred format.

**5. What should the list of the 'sponsor's current research support' include?**

- Your sponsor's list of current research support includes all financial resources, whether governmental, commercial, or institutional that is available in direct support of your sponsor's research endeavors. The list should contain: the name of the Principal

Investigator, source of support, title of project/subproject, funding period, and person months.

**6. How can I submit my letters of recommendation?**

- If you have your letter of recommendation on hand, there is an option for you to upload the letters with your application prior to submission. If you references would prefer to submit their letter themselves, they can email their letter to CRI at [grants@cancerresearch.org](mailto:grants@cancerresearch.org) . All letters of recommendation should be submitted prior to the application deadline.

**7. Are there guidelines for when the fellowship can start?**

- Fellowships can be activated four months after the application deadline but no later than one year following the deadline. Awards activate on the first of the month.

**8. Are there restrictions for the sizes for margins?**

- There are no margin requirements for an application; however, proper judgement should be exercised to keep documents legible.

**Financial**

**1. Does CRI allow for Fringe to be collected on this fellowship award?**

- At the discretion of the Sponsor, Fringe can only be deducted from the \$5,000 annual Institutional Allowance.

**2. Does CRI allow for the collection of Indirect Costs/Facilities and Administrative costs on this award?**

- No. CRI does not allow for the collection of Indirect Costs for any of its grant programs.

**3. For both U.S. and non-United States based institutions, how does CRI pay its fellowships?**

- For both U.S. and non-U.S. based institutions, CRI issues grant payments quarterly to the host institution in U.S. currency. Payments are issued via wire transfer