

Award Information

Berkeley Postdoctoral Association Professional Development Award

The Berkeley Postdoctoral Association (BPA) is awarding the BPA Professional Development Award. This is a one-time award of up to \$500 and may be used for scientific or professional meetings. Funds are awarded based on the significance of the conference to the postdoc's career advancement. Funds are awarded based on the application and budget submitted. The Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs (VSPA) Program will administer funds, and the total number of awards per year is based on the availability of funds.

Funding cycles

1. Spring cycle:
 - a. Conference dates – Jan 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017
 - b. Application opens – March 1, 2017
 - c. Application deadline – March 31, 2017
 - d. Award announcement – mid April, 2017
2. Fall cycle:
 - a. Conference dates – July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018
 - b. Application opens – November 1, 2017
 - c. Application deadline – November 30, 2017
 - d. Award announcement – mid December, 2017

Eligibility

- Only valid for UC Postdoctoral Scholars (Job codes 3252, 3253, and 3254)
- Is open only to postdocs who have spent at least 6 months at UC Berkeley
- A postdoc may receive only one award during his/her postdoc tenure at UC Berkeley
- Applicant can apply multiple times until they get an award

Application Information

- The award money will be reimbursed to the awardee after submission of receipts to the VSPA office
- The maximum award amount is \$500
- Number of awards will vary every year subject to available funds
- Preference will be given to:
 - Postdocs who have served on the executive board of any VSPA sponsored program (e.g. BPA, BPEP, PIEP, BSPP, HSSA, PTOF, Thriving in Science)
 - Postdocs who have contributed to the postdoc community of UC Berkeley, such as organizing department-specific events, activity with the union, etc.
 - Postdocs who have an abstract accepted for presentation at the National Postdoctoral Association Annual Meeting.

The completed application form should be submitted to the VSPA Program office by email at vspa@berkeley.edu with subject line "BPA Professional Development Award – Spring 2017". The Spring award applications **open on March 1, 2017**. Please email your application materials by **March 31, 2017 at 5:00 PM (PDT)**. ALL application materials must be in PDF format. Photographs of application materials will not be accepted. Applicants will be notified in **mid April** if they received an award.

Award Payment Procedure

Recipients will be expected to comply with all applicable University policies involving the use of their Travel Award funds. Funds may be used only for the specific conference approved. Funds will be awarded upon completion of the postdoc's travel, after receipts have been submitted. Receipts for expenditures must be original and itemized. Purchases made that are not allowable under the terms of the travel award will not be reimbursed

Application for Berkeley Postdoctoral Association (BPA) Professional Development Award

BPA Professional Development Awards provide support for registered postdocs to attend major professional meetings to present their research or for professional development.

Name: _____ Cal ID#: _____

Department: _____ Date: _____

Email address: _____

Name of the professional meeting: _____

Location of the professional meeting: _____

Dates during which you plan to attend: _____

Date of your presentation: _____

Have you received the BPA Professional Development award in the past _____

How many conferences have you been to during Jan 2016 to Dec 2016 _____

Please explain in the textbox below (not to exceed 200 words), describing your reason for attending this conference and how it is going to help you in advancing your career.

Please describe your contributions to the UC Berkeley postdoc community, if any (not to exceed 100 words). Attending Postdoc Union meetings do not count.

Provide the following info:

Registration: \$_____ Flights: \$_____ Hotel: \$_____ **Total Costs:** \$_____

Mileage (only if the conference/meeting was local): _____ miles

What other sources of support and estimated amounts are available to you to help defray the costs of your attending this meeting? Please explain below.

Save a copy of this form and email the completed form along with the supporting documents (listed below) to VSPA at vspa@berkeley.edu with the subject line “**BPA Professional Development Award – Spring 2017**”. Your application will not be considered if the instructions are not followed.

Documents required:

1. This completed form
2. A copy of your abstract
3. Abstract acceptance evidence
4. Applicant Curriculum Vita

*****For VSPA Program Use Only*****

Amount Requested	Amount Awarded

Director, Visiting Scholar and Postdoc Affairs Program

Date