



## THE GRASS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

AT THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY  
WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS, USA  
DEADLINE: 5 DECEMBER 2015



**PURPOSE:** Grass Fellowships at the [Marine Biological Laboratory](#) (MBL) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA, support investigator-designed, independent research projects by scientists early in their career. Supported approaches include neurophysiology, biophysics, integrative neurobiology, neuroethology, neuroanatomy, neuropharmacology, systems neuroscience, cellular and developmental neurobiology, and computational approaches to neural systems. The Foundation also has a longstanding interest in epilepsy-related research.

**BENEFITS:** Grass Fellowships provide research support including laboratory space, animals, equipment and supplies for one summer at the MBL. Additionally, the investigator, his/her spouse or legal domestic partner, and dependent children are provided housing, a daily meal allowance and round-trip travel to the MBL.

Fellows function as an intellectual and social group within the MBL scientific community while sharing space in the Grass Laboratory. In a weekly private seminar series, eminent investigators at the MBL discuss their work with the Fellows. In addition, a yearly Forbes Lecturer (in 2016, Dr. Erin Schuman, Max Planck Institute for Brain Research) will spend a portion of the summer in the Grass Lab interacting with Fellows.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Early investigators (late stage predoctoral trainees and beyond) are eligible to apply. This includes applicants with prior experience at MBL or with the Grass Foundation. Priority is given to applicants with a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a research career. Please see the [FAQ](#) page on website or contact the [Program Coordinator](#) for more information. International Fellows (i.e., not US citizens or resident aliens) must hold a valid visa for the entire duration of the fellowship. The Grass Foundation values diversity in all of its programs.

**APPLICATION:** Application forms and instructions are available on [The Grass Foundation](#) website.

**DURATION:** The duration of the program is 14 weeks, from May 30 to September 3, 2016.

**SELECTION:** The [Trustees of The Grass Foundation](#) judge an applicant's ability to organize and present pertinent information, the scientific merit of the proposed research, and evidence of an applicant's ability to work independently. Approximately 10-12 Grass Fellowships are awarded annually. Most Fellows share space in the Grass Lab; some arrange to work in the space of another MBL investigator.

**DEADLINE:** Applications for summer 2016 must be received by 5 December 2015. Applicants must ensure that the completed application and letters of recommendation are submitted by the deadline. Decisions will be announced by 15 January 2016.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Find full details at [www.grassfoundation.org](http://www.grassfoundation.org) or contact the Grass Fellowship Program Coordinator at MBL, at:

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