

Call for Applications: 2026 Kavli NSI Graduate Fellowships

The Kavli Neural Systems Institute is now accepting applications for **GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS** (1-year award; up to 3 available)

Deadline for applications: **April 13, 2026**

REMINDER: The Kavli NSI Graduate Fellowship length of appointment, application form, and criteria changed last year. Please be sure to carefully review the description below and allow ample time to assemble a team and prepare your proposal.

A goal of the Kavli NSI is to enrich the scientific and intellectual interactions of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the neuroscience community at Rockefeller University, promoting their professional development and scientific success. Kavli NSI Fellows receive a generous measure of salary/stipend support and are expected to take leadership roles in the life of the Institute.

Kavli NSI Graduate Fellows are expected to perform one task during the year of their fellowship appointment, which is to plan and organize a spring symposium with external faculty talks on a unified topic of interest in neuroscience that is not well-represented at Rockefeller University. **Appointments will be made to a team of two or three students selected based on their joint application proposing the most creative symposium topic.**

Eligibility

- These are one-year appointments beginning on July 1, 2026.
- Selected candidates will receive a salary supplement of \$5,000 each.
- Candidates must be enrolled in the David Rockefeller Graduate Program and training in a Kavli NSI member lab on July 1, 2026.
- Open to U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens.
- Only students entering into their second through fifth year of graduate school are eligible to apply.
- Current or former Kavli Graduate Fellows are ineligible to apply.
- If a candidate previously applied to the Kavli NSI but was not offered a fellowship, they are eligible to re-apply as a team member on one or more application.
- Kavli Graduate Fellows are not permitted to hold concurrent fellowship appointments. Selected applicants must forfeit any other fellowship appointment upon the start of their Kavli NSI Fellowship.

To Apply

- **Applications must be completed online: <https://kavli.rockefeller.edu/fellowapp>.**
- Applications must be submitted online no later than **April 13, 2026**.
- Nomination by a Head of Laboratory is not necessary. However, all lab heads will be contacted to verify their support of submitted applications.
- Not all candidates listed on an application can be in the same Kavli NSI member laboratory. There is no limit to the number of applications each laboratory can submit. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of applications each student can submit (or be a team member of) as long as the symposium being proposed in each application is unique.
- Applications will be reviewed by members of the Kavli NSI Steering Committee. Applicants will be notified of award decisions in early June 2026.

Questions

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