

Call for Applications: 2026 Kavli NSI Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Kavli Neural Systems Institute is now accepting applications for
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS (2-year award; up to 4 available)

Deadline for applications: **April 21, 2026**

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.

In addition to pursuing their research projects, Kavli NSI Postdoctoral Fellows are invited to serve on an Advisory Committee, serving as a voice for the younger generation, helping to set direction, and sharing in the responsibilities of the Institute. They are expected to work as a team and collaborate with Fellows from other neuroscience centers at Rockefeller to plan and organize community-wide events. **We are looking for exceptional scientists who are willing to participate in community building activities.**

Eligibility

- These are two-year appointments beginning on July 1, 2026.
- Selected candidates will receive full salary support plus benefits at a level set by the laboratory head in accordance with university guidelines for postdoctoral compensation plus a salary supplement of \$5,000 per year.
- Candidates must hold (or plan to hold by July 1, 2026, or shortly thereafter) a postdoctoral appointment in a Kavli NSI member lab.
- Open to U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens.
- Consideration will be given to all eligible candidates. However, these awards are intended for more senior postdocs, ideally in their third, fourth, or fifth year.
- Research Associates are ineligible to apply.
- Postdoctoral scientists in laboratories that currently host a Kavli Postdoctoral Fellow in the first year of their appointment are ineligible to apply. This means members of the Friedman, Hudspeth, Rajasethupathy, and Vaziri labs are not eligible to apply this cycle.
- Current or former Kavli Postdoctoral 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.
- Kavli Postdoctoral 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 21, 2026**.
- Nomination by a Head of Laboratory is not necessary. However, all lab heads will be contacted to verify their support of submitted applications.
- No more than one postdoctoral fellow will be appointed in any one Kavli NSI member laboratory each year. However, there is no limit to the number of applications each laboratory can submit.
- Applications will be reviewed by members of the Kavli NSI Steering Committee. Applicants will be notified of award decisions in early June 2026.

Questions

- Contact Lindsey Cole: lc@rockefeller.edu or ext. 8081.