The MSU Postdoctoral Association and the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (OVPRGS) award annually the **Postdoctoral Excellence in Research Award** (PERA) to two exceptional Postdoctoral Fellows or Postdoctoral Research Associates for their contributions to MSU and the greater research community.

**NOMINEE ELIGIBILITY**

The applicant:

* Currently works at MSU as a Research Associate or Postdoctoral Fellow,
* Has been employed at MSU for at least one year, but not more than 5 years,
* Has displayed excellence in scientific research, which will be measured by (1) significance to their field of study; (2) innovation; and (3) impact of their research.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

* Completed application form and research statement describing:

(1) Significance,

(2) Innovation, and

(3) Impact of your research.

The research statement should not exceed 2 pages, including figures, tables and references.

* Current CV
* Nomination letter from the PI emphasizing the candidate’s scientific contributions and accomplishments at MSU. The nomination letter should not to exceed 1 page.

All application materials are to be submitted as PDF documents ([Name]-PERA2019.pdf) by email to the MSU Postdoctoral Association Award Committee at [awards.pda@grd.msu.edu](mailto:awards.pda@grd.msu.edu).

The nomination letter ([Applicant-name]-Nomination-PERA2019.pdf) should be sent directly by the PI to [awards.pda@grd.msu.edu](mailto:awards.pda@grd.msu.edu).

The application deadline is **Wednesday, February 20th 2019** **at 5.00pmET**.

**AWARD**

* PERA applications will be scored by members of the MSU Postdoctoral Association Steering Committee, and awardee recommendations will be made to the OVPRGS and MSU Postdoctoral Office.

**Note**: The review committee is composed of research associates from various fields of study. Make sure the information provided in your application can be understood by a lay audience. We recommend limiting the use of terminology specific to your field.

* The top two applicants will each receive a **$1,000 cash award**, a plaque and certificate provided by the OVPRGS and the MSU Postdoctoral Office to recognize their achievement.
* A reception shall be held in May 2019 for recipients to accept their award and give a brief (10 min) presentation of their work.

**2018-2019 Postdoctoral Excellence in Research Award Application**

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| **Nominee Name:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Position title:** |  |
| **PI/Employer:** |  |
| **College and Department:** |  |
| **MSU Start Date:** |  |

**1) Education and Training History**

Please include all education and training experiences, including all previous postdoctoral research positions and/or relevant employment experience (i.e. industry training) starting with the most recent position.

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| **Institute and Location** | **Degree Obtained**  **or Position title** | **Date**  **(Completed or**  **Period of employment)** |
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**2) Publication and Presentation History**

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| 1- Total number of publications | **­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_** |
| 2- Number of publications during current position at MSU | **\_\_\_\_\_** |
| Of those, how many were 1st author publications? (if relevant to your field of research) | **\_\_\_\_\_** |
| 3- Total number of conference presentations (includes both talks and posters) | **\_\_\_\_\_** |
| Of those, how many were during current position at MSU? | **\_\_\_\_\_** |

**3) Innovation and Expertise**

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| Please select and briefly summarize 1-2 publications you have published *during your current postdoc position at MSU*, that highlight your contribution to the field, innovation in a technique, etc. Not to exceed ½ page, font size 11 points or larger, single space. |
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**4) Awards, Honors, Fellowship and Funding**

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| Please list any awards, honors, fellowships or independent funding that was awarded to you *during your current position as a MSU Postdoc/Research Associate*. Not to exceed ½ page, font size 11 points or larger, single space. |
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**5) Outreach and Community Engagement**

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| Please briefly describe one or more activities you have been involved in on campus or within the broader community that exemplify your contribution to society through teaching, mentoring, or volunteerism. Not to exceed 1 page, font size 11 points or larger, single space. |
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**Research Statement (2 Pages Max. – Font size 11 or larger, single space)**

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