In up to 2 pages, provide information about your nominee’s credentials, proposed research and alignment with Argonne and DOE missions. Completed forms should be submitted via email to fellowships@anl.gov with copies to your division director and division HR representative.

Nominee Information

Nominee background/credentials and value to Argonne:

Describe the strength of your candidate by addressing, for example:

- The nominee’s credentials, personal strengths and previous accomplishments
- Comment on how you have come to know the candidate.
- If the quality of the candidate’s record may not be clear to someone outside of their field, describe their record of achievement (publications, patents, presentations, awards, research) in context of other researchers in the field.
- How are the nominee’s interests and background aligned with Argonne’s mission and how will Argonne provide value to the nominee?
- Supplement and complement other package materials – minimize repeat information.

Eligibility requirement exception request (if applicable):

If it has been >3 years past the PhD conferral date, provide an explanation as to why an exception to the eligibility requirement is justified.

Proposal Information

Merit of proposed research:

- What is unique about this proposal?
- What application(s) is enabled; what is the project’s technical value or impact?
- How is the work innovative or transformational as compared with the state-of-the-art?
- What are the important project outcome(s) and follow-up opportunities?

Evidence of project feasibility:

- How will research objectives be achieved within the proposed time-frame with the available resources?
- How project success and progress towards it will be both measured and enabled.
- Potential for future funding or growth of a research program.
- Potential collaborators and commitment to provide access to resources and facilities for success of the fellow’s research objectives.
Alignment with Argonne

Alignment with Mission:

Describe the appropriateness or “fit” of the nominee to Argonne’s mission and research community and of the fellowship to the nominee’s career objectives. Is the proposal aligned with the strategic directions and missions of the lab or DOE? Be specific, citing strategic areas, initiatives or core capabilities, where possible.

Plan for third year 50% funding:

The first two years of the fellowship are funded 100% by Argonne’s Laboratory Directed Research Development (LDRD) Program. The third year is funded 50% by LDRD and 50% by other programs identified by the fellow and sponsor. This model allows fellows to advance independent research as outlined in their fellowship proposal, while making significant contributions to other Laboratory initiatives. Please describe plans for future support for your candidate, considering, for example:

- Are there existing programs that would be a good “fit” for the nominee?
- How will the fellow and sponsor work towards securing funding for the third year?
- Opportunities identified through discussions with divisional leadership.

Acknowledgements

This fellowship offers an opportunity for early career researchers to pursue independent research and make significant contributions to existing or future programs. To ensure success in the research and career endeavors, it is essential that sponsors continue to support fellows throughout the fellowship appointment. Sponsors will be essential to helping fellows make connections that can ensure support for the third year. This section acknowledges understanding of these responsibilities. Sponsors should discuss nominations with divisional leadership and copy Division Director and HR Representative upon submission.

On the third page, acknowledgement of sponsor responsibilities and communication with the division management are required.

- Enter your name and the date (for the co-Sponsor as well if applicable) to acknowledge you understand and accept the sponsor responsibilities.
- Enter the date and attendees for the meeting with the division management.