2026 Sloan Research Fellowships

External Applications due September 15

VUMC: *These instructions are for VUMC investigators. VU investigators should address any questions to VU-LSO@vanderbilt.edu or their department chairs.*

Internal Application Process:
VUMC <u>does not</u> have a centralized review process for this opportunity. Submissions are limited to 3 applications/ department. Please contact your departmental administrator for guidance.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to contact foundationrelations@vumc.org before starting an application.

Overview:
The Sloan Research Fellowships seek to stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise. These two-year fellowships are awarded yearly to 125 researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field. The 2026 Sloan Research Fellows will receive fellowships in the amount of $75,000.

Eligibility:
- Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Mathematics, Earth System Science, Neuroscience, Physics, or a related field.
- Candidates must be tenure-track, though untenured, as of September 15, 2025.
- Candidate's faculty position must carry a regular teaching obligation.

Terms of Awards:
- Fellowships are for a two-year term, beginning on September 15 of the award year
- Fellowships are paid in a single lump sum.
- The fellowship amount is $75,000.
- Fellowship funds may be used by the fellow for any expense judged supportive of the fellow's research including staffing, professional travel, lab expenses, equipment or summer salary support.
- Fellowship funds <u>may not</u> be used for indirect costs or overhead charges.
- Fellows are obligated to notify the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation if they are changing institutions.
- Once per year, Fellows (or their institution) are obligated to submit both a substantive report (detailing what is being done) and a financial report (detailing how much money has been spent and on what).

See the [program website](#) and [FAQs](#) for more information.