The Simons Foundation

Simons Investigators in Mathematics, Physics, and Theoretical Computer Science Program

Request for Nominations is linked under the announcement

The Simons Foundation invites nominations for the Simons Investigators in Mathematics, Physics, and Theoretical Computer Science program. Simons Investigators are outstanding theoretical scientists who receive long-term research support from the Simons Foundation.

The nominees are judged on their potential for innovative new contributions to science over the coming years. For information on the typical profile of successful applicants, visit: https://www.simonsfoundation.org/program-areas/mathematics-and-physical-science/simons-investigators/simons-investigators-2013/

Rationale: The Simons Investigators program aims to provide a stable base of support for outstanding scientists, enabling them to undertake long-term investigations of the fundamental questions. The intent of the program is to support these scientists in their most productive years, when they are establishing creative new research directions, providing leadership to the field and effectively mentoring junior scientists.

Level and Duration of Funding: A Simons Investigator is appointed for an initial period of five years. Renewal for an additional five years is contingent upon the evaluation of scientific impact of the Investigator. Renewal beyond the 10-year period will not be considered. Appointments will begin August 1, 2015.

An Investigator will receive research support in an amount initially set at $100,000 per year. An additional $10,000 per year will be provided to the Investigator’s department. The award is administered through the institution at which the Investigator is appointed, and this institution will receive 20 percent in indirect costs.

Eligibility: To be an Investigator, a scientist must be engaged in theoretical research in Mathematics, Physics or Computer Science and must have a primary appointment as a faculty member and not have previously been a Simons Investigator. At the time of the appointment start date, an Investigator should be tenured.

The foundation reserves the right to determine eligibility but, typically, a ‘primary appointment’ is defined as one where an Investigator is a full time employee of an academic institution and with a teaching load that is comparable to that of other faculty members in the same department.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION

- The foundation asks each university to submit up to two nominees for each of the three fields.
Number of Awards: In 2015, the foundation anticipates appointing up to three Investigators in Mathematics, up to seven in Physics, and up to three in Theoretical Computer Science.

SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT
Faculty members interested in applying are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

1. Click here to access the LOI form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-Simons-MPTCS-2015”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Submit the complete LOI form by clicking on the Depot link: https://depot.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6644180_1-t_vJiR5r1T

KEY DATES

- Internal Letter of Intent due: July 14, 2014(by midnight)
- Sponsor Proposal due: October 28, 2014

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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