

## Simons Foundation - Independence Awards

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For additional information, please visit the [Simons Foundation website](#) [1] for:

- Program guidelines
- Complete eligibility criteria
- How to apply
- Policies and procedures

### Description

All Independence Award programs engage talented early-career scientists from diverse and/or historically underrepresented backgrounds to pursue research in either autism science (SFARI), computational and systems neuroscience (SCGB), or cognitive aging (SCPAB), while facilitating their transition into independent faculty positions at a research institution.

Independence Awards are currently offered through three programs: the [Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative \(SFARI\) Bridge to Independence Award](#) [2], the [Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain \(SCGB\) Transition to Independence Award](#) [3], and the [Simons Collaboration on Plasticity and the Aging Brain \(SCPAB\) Transition to Independence Award](#) [3].

### Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Independence Awards, applicants must meet the following criteria.

- The program is open to individuals who self-identify as members of diverse groups within these categories: race, ethnicity, disadvantaged social and/or economic background, gender identity, sexual orientation and disability status.
- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status is not required.
- Applicants must hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D., or equivalent degree.
- Applicants must be currently in a non-independent, mentored training position as recognized by their institution.

- Applicants must be actively seeking and applying to tenure-track faculty positions at research institutions within or outside the U.S. between September 2024 and May 2025. Independence Fellows are expected to apply, secure and transition to a tenure-track faculty position at a research institution within or outside the U.S. by the end of the 2025–2026 academic year.
- Applicants may not simultaneously hold other career development awards with similar budgetary scopes, such as: NIH K99/R00, Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award, American Academy of Neurology Career Development Award and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Hanna H. Gray Fellowship.
- Applicants must not have accepted a formal offer for a tenure-track faculty position by the time of award notification.

**Maximum Project Value**

Independence Fellows will be provided with up to five (5) years of support, split into two awards: 1) Postdoctoral Award (for a maximum of two (2) years), and 2) Faculty Research Award (over three (3) years). The Postdoctoral Award includes an annual salary of \$85,000, fringe benefits, an annual resource and professional development allowance of \$10,000, and indirect costs. Upon assumption of an approved tenure-track faculty position, fellows receive the Faculty Research Award of up to \$600,000 total over three years including indirect costs.

**Indirect Costs**

20%

**Deadlines**

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type	Date	Notes
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - 4:30pm	Applicant to submit a copy of application and signature page along with a complete OR5 form to: <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [5].
<b>External Deadline</b>	Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - 12:00pm	Applications should be started and submitted under the applicant's own account on <a href="#">Simons Award Manager (SAM)</a> [6]. Applicants are encouraged to submit in

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		advance of the deadline to ensure they have time to make any application corrections that might be necessary for successful submission.
		Refer to the <a href="#">How to Apply</a> [1] instructions for each award.

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### Links

- [1] <https://www.simonsfoundation.org/funding-opportunities/simons-foundation-independence-awards/>
- [2] <https://www.sfari.org/grant/bridge-to-independence-award-request-for-applications/?tab=rfa>
- [3] <https://www.simonsfoundation.org/grant/scgb-transition-to-independence-award/?tab=rfa>
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