

Rising Scholars

Postdoctoral Fellows Program

at the University of Virginia



This program seeks to recruit and support postdoctoral scholars who will contribute to advancing STEM diversity, equity and inclusion in their journey to assume a tenure-track faculty position.

APPLY NOW

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The goal of this program is to provide a mentored professional development opportunity to train the next generation of scholars for future tenure-track positions at UVA or elsewhere. Postdoctoral Fellows selected under this program will be appointed and fully funded for two years (subject to annual review) and will carry out research, teaching and professional development activities directed toward securing a tenure-track position.

Research: For Fellowships in the [Department of Chemistry](#), you will join the laboratory of any Chemistry faculty member whose research interests align with your own, and lead projects under their mentorship. Postdoctoral scholars have the opportunity to publish papers, present at conferences, and learn to write grant proposals. We strongly encourage you to reach out to potential faculty members whose laboratories you would like to work in, to talk with them about this fellowship and other potential research opportunities.

Teaching: The fellowship is intended to prepare Fellows for their desired career. Mentorship and direct experience in teaching will be provided at a level appropriate for your career goals. For example, Fellows interested in moving to a teaching centered faculty position will teach one course per year. Fellows interested in a research centered position will have the opportunity to teach in guest lectures, mini-course modules, or similar. There is flexibility in the program to accommodate your goals.

Networks and Community: Fellows will enter as a cohort and will engage with one another. In addition, Fellows are encouraged to engage and interact with one or more of UVA's many research centers, in STEM and in other fields.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW SUPPORT

Postdoctoral Fellows funded under this program will be appointed for two years contingent on a successful annual review. These are 12-month appointments in a host department, including full research, teaching and administrative support. In addition to salary and benefits, the program will provide a research fund allocation for each Fellow.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

Applicants must have received their terminal degree (PhD) between August 24, 2019 and August 24, 2021. Scholars must self-identify as part of a group that is under-represented in the field of Chemistry. There is no citizenship requirement.

Applications should be submitted by April 12, 2021 for full consideration. A full description of application components can be found at: <https://graduate.as.virginia.edu/rising-scholars>. The website encompasses multiple programs under the same name. Questions? Contact Dr. Rebecca Pompano (rpompano@virginia.edu) or Dr. Jill Venton (bjv2n@virginia.edu).