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The Origins Project offers an annual program honoring a recent postdoctoral researcher in any area of Origins Project activities, from any country in the world. This program brings the winning candidate to ASU for a week where they will lecture on his or her area of expertise, addressing faculty, students, and also the general public. This award includes $10,000 to be awarded to the winner, making it the largest prize of its kind in the world.

The Origins Project announced the winners of the inaugural Undergraduate Research Scholarship in 2015. These scholarships help ASU undergraduates and their faculty mentors to explore foundational questions as they pursue their studies, and encourage new research opportunities in forefront areas of interest across the full spectrum of scholarship and activity associated with origins. Winning project topics are varied, ranging from research on the earliest astrophysical structures from the dark ages to research on how people define and adapt to their physical environments and the rise of social complexity.

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