Origins Project Postdoctoral Lectureship Award

Instructions for Nominators

General Information

The Origins Project at Arizona State University is pleased to announce that we will be accepting nominations for the Origins Project Postdoctoral Lectureship Award. This award, the largest of its kind in the world, is awarded annually to an outstanding junior scholar chosen from all countries, from any field of study relevant to the Origins Project, and consists of a $10,000 USD award, coach travel to/from Tempe, Arizona, and accommodations during a week-long visit. In addition to participating in the awards ceremony, the winner will give 3 talks on his or her research, including 2 departmental level colloquia and a larger public lecture, as well as participate in other Origins Project events during the visit.

Faculty nomination letters must be uploaded online to our confidential Dropbox account starting September 1, 2016, and will be considered up to November 1, 2016. We expect to announce a winner in early spring 2017, with the lectures and award ceremony taking place during the 2017 spring term at ASU. It is open to junior scholars who were awarded the PhD no earlier than July 1, 2013 and do not hold a tenured, tenure-track, or equivalent position. Each eligible department head may put forward only 1 nominee for the prize. The relevant hosting department at ASU will provide office space for the winning candidate during their stay in Tempe.

Criteria for selection will include evidence of outstanding research credentials and the potential for creative leadership in the candidate’s chosen field, as well as ability to effectively communicate scientific concepts to a broad audience in English. The selection committee will include faculty from a wide variety of disciplines, as well as members of the Origins Project External Advisory committee.

Nomination Submission Instructions

Nominations must be uploaded to our confidential Dropbox no later than November 1, 2016. Nominators can be any faculty members familiar with the candidate and their research. However, as only one nominee per department can be considered, the nominating letter must be accompanied by a separate Chair Nomination Form completed by the relevant department chair confirming that the candidate will represent their department in the award competition. The postdoctoral scholar is responsible for verifying that they have both been received by the deadline.

• The nomination letter can be uploaded to our confidential Dropbox.
• The chair nomination form can completed online.

Both the nomination letter and the Chair Nomination Form must be received by the Origins Project no later than November 1, 2016. The nomination letter should address the candidate’s promise as a researcher and scientist-scholar. The letter should discuss the candidate’s research credentials, any honors and awards, promise for creative leadership in his or her field, as well as his or her ability to communicate scientific concepts to a broad audience in English. Please note the following items in your letter:

• The candidate’s full name and current academic affiliation
• His/her role within your department
• Up to 3 of his/her top accomplishments
• Any significant honors or awards the candidate received
• Up to 3 of his/her top publications or research findings
• Evidence of his/her skill in communicating scientific concepts to a broad audience in English