

Executive Summary for the SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF) Program

The SPRF-**BP track offers fellowships in an effort to increase the diversity of researchers** who participate in NSF programs in the social, behavioral and economic sciences and thereby increase the participation of scientists from under-represented groups in selected areas of science in the United States. The broadening participation issue can be addressed directly (in case the research itself is on that topic), indirectly (through the broader impacts of the research, or by incorporating appropriate training and outreach activities), or both. In addition to the scientific research, all proposals for this (BP) track must include a specific section with the heading **“How this Fellowship will help broaden the participation of scientists from currently under-represented groups in the United States”**.

The SPRF-**IBSS track aims to support interdisciplinary training** where at least one of the disciplinary components is an SBE science. The proposal must be motivated by a compelling research question (within the fields of social, behavioral and economic sciences) that requires an interdisciplinary approach for successful investigation. As a result, applicants should demonstrate the need for new or additional skills and expertise beyond his or her core doctoral experience to achieve advances in the proposed research. All proposals for this track (SPRF-IBSS) must include a specific section with the heading **“Why this project requires interdisciplinary training beyond my core doctoral experiences”**.

Features of the SPRF Program:

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, National, or Permanent Resident
- Applicants must have obtained their doctorate within 24 months before or 10 months after the application deadline
- Applicants already in a tenure-track faculty position are not eligible to apply
- The fellowship includes \$45,000 annual salary and \$10,000 for research and travel expenses
- Proposals are to be submitted from the institution where the fellow will be appointed
- The fellow’s sponsoring scientist must be included as either the principal investigator or the co-principal investigator
- The sponsoring scientist statement must be included within the 10-page project description

For further details, more explanation and clarifications, please read the full [SPRF program solicitation](#).