

The Society for Developmental Biology Publishing Fellowship



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Background:

The Society for Developmental Biology (SDB) was founded in 1939 to promote the field of developmental biology and to advance our understanding of developmental biology at all levels. To this end, we foster excellence in research and education in developmental biology; we provide advice and resources on careers in developmental biology; and we provide information for the public on relevant topics in developmental biology. Perhaps most importantly, we provide a communication hub for all developmental biologists. The SDB is associated with the journal *Developmental Biology*, currently published by Elsevier; the SDB organizes scientific meetings, short courses and workshops that focus on developmental biology and related areas; the SDB has established programs to interface with the international community of developmental biologists; and the SDB maintains a web site that covers all aspects of developmental biology, including a section with peer-reviewed teaching materials which is a partner of the National Science Digital Library. Our membership includes developmental biologists at all stages of their careers from around the world.

Program Overview

Purpose: This is a fellowship program designed for a junior level scientist with an interest in electronic publishing and experience with cutting-edge research in developmental biology and related areas, as well as a strong interest in education to work on Society publications, primarily but not limited to online venues.

Length of Fellowship: 12 months, with a possibility for a second term

Start Date: No later than January 2nd, 2010

Location: Bethesda, Maryland

Compensation: Stipend of \$44K annually plus benefits

Designated Mentor: Ida Chow, Ph.D.
Executive Officer, SDB

Activities

The fellow will be responsible for assisting in the process of electronic review of selected manuscripts; working with authors and editors on cross-linking and identification of ancillary electronic resources; managing revisions; fostering publication related contact and communication with the membership; connecting scientific content with educational activities aimed for lay public and educators.

Qualifications and Skills

Candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. in developmental biology or related field, at least two years of postdoctoral experience or equivalent, and several publications. Additional requirements include: knowledge of Web 2.0, MS Office and an illustrations/graphics software; excellent interpersonal skill; strong verbal and written communication skills; the ability to work as a team member; attention to detail and the ability to meet deadlines. Must be able to travel to editorial and society meetings.

Selection Process

A committee of representatives from SDB will review application materials, interview finalists, and recommend up to three candidates to the organizational leaders for the final selection decision. The experience, area of interest, and future plans of the candidates will be considered. Membership in SDB is an asset.

Interested candidates must submit a signed cover letter including specific interests/experiences that apply to this position and how they see themselves in this role; three to five references with contact information (do not include reference letters with the application); CV with list of publications.

All materials must be submitted as an e-mail PDF attachment to: resumes@faseb.org with subject title "SDB Fellow". The application deadline is September 30th, 2009.

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