



DuPont Young Professor Grant Program

Helping young faculty members begin their research careers

DuPont is committed to improving the quality of life and enhancing the vitality of the communities in which it operates throughout the world. Through financial contributions and the volunteer efforts of its employees, DuPont has long-supported programs and organizations that address social progress, economic success and environmental excellence — all vital components of community sustainability. Perhaps less well-known is the philanthropic support, which DuPont has provided to young scientific leaders through the DuPont Young Professor Grants.

The DuPont Young Professor program dates to 1918 when Pierre S. du Pont noticed that there were not enough graduating students for him to hire into his organization. In order to improve this talent pool, he selected 42 schools and provided grants that supported young faculty. Since 1968, this program has provided grants to young professors aimed at encouraging highly original research, while helping the recipients begin their academic research careers. To date, nearly 700 young professors in greater than 130 institutions in 17 countries have received grants totaling over \$50 million.

The DuPont Young Professor Grant Program is a global program designed to help young faculty members, within five years of full-time appointment, begin their research careers. The hope is that these unrestricted grants will lead to a fruitful relationship beneficial to both parties and could include future research partnerships, student hiring, etc. **In order to be**

considered for this two year grant program, a DuPont employee must nominate the young professor.



Pierre du Pont started the DuPont Young Professor Program in 1918 to support new faculty.

2014 DuPont Young Professor Grant Awardees:

- Jiun-Tai Chen, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan.
- Guangbin Dong, University of Texas at Austin, USA.
- Randy Ewoldt, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- Micah Green, Texas A&M University, USA
- Farren Isaacs, Yale University, USA
- Jeremiah Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- Ravi Maruthachalam, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research – Thiruvananthapuram, India
- Pamela Peralta-Yahya, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- Feng Qin, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- Leslie Shor, University of Connecticut, USA

Highlights

DuPont Young Investigator Program began in 1918 and has awarded over \$50 million dollars in grants

Nearly 700 young professors have received this award from greater than 130 institutions, in 17 countries.

Unrestricted grants recognize young scientific leaders, encourage original research.

Program will award up to USD\$50,000 over 2 years to young faculty

Nomination deadline is January 30, 2015.

“The DuPont Young Professor funds had a tremendously positive influence on my early research career – enabling me to jump-start my research program, which I have subsequently funded largely through NSF, PRF, USGS, etc.”

- Former Awardee