

2015 DuPont Young Professor Program

The DuPont Young Professor Grant Program is a global program, the purpose of which is to help young faculty members, within five years of full-time teaching appointment, begin their research careers. These Young Professor Grants are intended to encourage highly original research of value to DuPont while helping the recipients begin their academic research careers.

The funding that the corporation provides will promote fundamental research aligned with DuPont strategic goals among awardees, develop recruiting opportunities among the students of the awardees and develop strong relationships with awardees through greater interaction with their DuPont liaisons.

History

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, almost 700 young professors in greater than 130 institutions in 14 countries have received grants totaling nearly \$50 million. In 2013, 14 awards were made to young faculty from around the world, who came from 7 different countries.

Qualifications

These Grants are available only to non-tenured faculty members from universities. These members must have held full-time appointments for less than five years. Also, these appointments must be for tenure-track teaching positions.

Guidelines for Nominations for the DuPont Young Professor Grant

The nomination package, a single file not to exceed six pages (PDF preferred; WORD document is acceptable) attached to the web nomination form, should include, in order:

- **CV with publication list (abbreviated if too long)**
- **Description of proposed research on which the grant may be used. (Not a detailed work plan)**
- **Impact/relevance of the research to society**
- **Brief summary of other research areas within nominee's research group**

The information provided in the nomination package should allow the selection committee to assess the following:

- Past Accomplishments and Scientific Potential of the nominee
- Novelty & Creativity of Proposed Research
- Potential Impact to DuPont and Alignment with Strategy
- Potential Impact of Research to Global Scientific Community