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## ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to announce this year's competition for research awards from the Society of Hellman Fellows Program. Thanks to a generous and thoughtful gift from the Hellman family, as well as a growing list of new donors who have contributed toward the program's endowment, the program continues to support promising Assistant Professors who show capacity for great distinction in their research. The Society of Hellman Fellows Program is especially eager to address research needs that may arise for Assistant Professors several years after their appointment, when start-up funding may be depleted.

Individuals may receive awards of up to \$60,000. Last year, fifty-four applications were received and twenty-three were successful, with awards ranging from \$17,300 to \$60,000.

Awards may be used for any research-related need, such as research assistants, equipment, or travel. Additionally, award-winners may use up to 5% of their grants for research-related dependent-care expenses. A portion of the grant may be used to pay for up to one month of summer salary (up to 19 days). Summer salary is charged a limited composite benefit rate (CBR) and will need to be taken into account when budgeting the number of days that can be supported. Summer salary must be paid in whole-day increments. There is no overhead charged to this award.

Recipients are expected to use the funds within one year, and they are required to use the funds before their effective date of tenure. Expenditures should, of course, directly advance the research project proposed in the application. The effective date of this year's awards will be July 1, 2023, and funds will be transferred in August.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA**

- Applicants should have served at least two years as an Assistant Professor by July 1, 2023, but should not yet have been formally recommended for tenure. Please note that funds may not be expended after the awardee is granted tenure.
- Applications will be evaluated for the creativity and originality of the proposed research project.
- Applications should provide reason to judge that the proposed project can be completed within the proposed time period.
- Applications should present a realistic budget and demonstrate a need for financial support.



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## REQUIREMENTS

- The deadline for applications is **Monday, April 3, 2023**. Awards will be announced in May 2023.
- All applications must be submitted electronically through the [Google Form](#).
- Applicants must fully complete the application on the [Google Form](#) and provide the additional materials it specifies; project description, budget, and brief CV.
- The maximum length of the project description is three pages. The project description should explain both the nature and significance of the project. Applicants are advised to provide project descriptions that can be understood by members of the selection committee who are not in their field.

You will find additional information about the Fund and the application process [here](#). If you have any questions, please email program manager Yasya Goretsky at [hellmanfund@berkeley.edu](mailto:hellmanfund@berkeley.edu).

Sincerely,

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