

# The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Outstanding Postdoctoral Entrepreneur Award

## About the Award

Entrepreneurial postdoctoral scholars benefit society and the economy when they bring their research to market. The **Kauffman Foundation Outstanding Postdoctoral Entrepreneur Award**, established by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA), encourages entrepreneurial excellence in the scientific community. The annual award recognizes an entrepreneur who has completed postdoctoral training in the United States, who exhibits exceptional commitment to entrepreneurship, and who has made significant progress in commercializing her or his research in a way that will benefit society. The 2011 award—a \$10,000 honorarium—will be presented during the NPA's 9th Annual Meeting, to be held March 25-27, 2011, in Bethesda, Md.

## Eligibility for Nomination

**Self-nomination is allowed and encouraged.** To be eligible for nomination, the entrepreneur must:

- Hold a PhD in a field of science.
- Have completed postdoctoral training in the United States.
- Be the founder or co-founder of a private or public company (or companies) that:
  - Is commercializing or has commercialized the nominee's intellectual property; AND
  - Is incorporated and located in the United States; AND
  - Has been established for a minimum of three (3) years.

**Please note:** Kauffman Entrepreneur Postdoctoral Fellows are not eligible to apply.

## Submission of Nominations

1. Nominations may be submitted electronically via the NPA Web site [www.nationalpostdoc.org/outstanding-award](http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/outstanding-award) or e-mailed to [entrepreneur@nationalpostdoc.org](mailto:entrepreneur@nationalpostdoc.org). Nominations will be closed after September 27, 2010, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.
2. Upon receipt of the nomination, the NPA will contact the nominee with instructions for application.
3. The nominee should complete the application form, attach the required supporting documents, and submit the application form and documents digitally, as per the instructions. The nominee also may mail printed nomination forms and documents via the United States Post Office to:  
Kauffman Foundation Outstanding Postdoctoral  
Entrepreneur Award Nominations  
National Postdoctoral Association  
1200 New York Avenue NW, Suite 610  
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4. **The deadline for electronic submission of applications is 11:59 p.m. EDT, Monday, October 4, 2010. Mailed applications should be postmarked no later than October 4, 2010. Later postmarks will automatically disqualify the candidate.**

## Judging

The Selection Committee is comprised of leaders in the postdoctoral community, NPA leaders, and business and science leaders who have entrepreneurial expertise. The recipient of the 2010 Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Outstanding Postdoctoral Entrepreneur Award also will serve on the committee.

Judging will be based primarily on the value of the entrepreneurship to society and the potential impact of the nominee's technical innovation on the world. Judges also will consider company performance relative to the number of years since the company's founding. Other criteria will include the nominee's record of leadership, mentoring and community service.

## There will be three rounds of judging:

1. The NPA staff will review the applications for completeness of information and nominee eligibility. Incomplete applications will be disqualified, as will applications from nominees who do not meet the eligibility criteria.
2. The Selection Committee will review and score eligible applications quantitatively, awarding points based upon, but not limited to, the role of the nominee and the nominee's research in the company; patents received; the product(s); and, financial information, including the amount, type and number of investments. The top-scoring nominees will become finalists.
3. Finalists' applications will be reviewed at length in light of the value of their entrepreneurship to society and the potential impact of their technical innovations on the world. The nominee's record of leadership, mentoring and community service also will be considered.

The award recipient will be notified of his/her selection by January 31, 2011, to allow him/her time to arrange to attend the award ceremony at the NPA's 9th Annual Meeting (required).

## Benefits

In addition to the honorarium, the recipient will enjoy several other award benefits, including but not limited to:

- Media coverage via news releases distributed by the Kauffman Foundation and NPA.
- Articles featuring the recipient and her/his company in Kauffman Foundation and NPA publications.
- National recognition at the NPA's 9th Annual Meeting in Bethesda, Md., March 25-27, 2011.
- Opportunity to serve on the 2012 award selection committee.



## About the 2010 Award Recipient

Dr. Stephen Turner, founder of Pacific Biosciences, was named the 2010 Outstanding Postdoctoral Entrepreneur. In March 2010, *The Wall Street Journal* listed Pacific Biosciences as the United States' top venture-funded company. Dr. Turner earned a PhD in physics from Cornell University, where he studied the behavior of biomolecules in nano-fabricated structures. His work contributed to the establishment of the Nanobiotechnology Center at Cornell. He was a member of the Cornell project team that developed the technology now employed by Pacific Biosciences, and was coauthor of the cover story in *Science* magazine (January 31, 2003) that introduced the technology to the scientific community. He is listed as the inventor on nine U.S. patents and more than 20 published patent applications.

## About the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Founded by late entrepreneur and philanthropist Ewing Marion Kauffman, the Kauffman Foundation is a private nonpartisan foundation that works to harness the power of entrepreneurship and innovation to grow economies and improve human welfare. Through its research and other initiatives, the Kauffman Foundation aims to open young people's eyes to the possibility of entrepreneurship, promote entrepreneurship education, raise awareness of entrepreneurship-friendly policies, and find alternative pathways for the commercialization of new knowledge and technologies. It also works to prepare students to be innovators, entrepreneurs, and skilled workers in the 21st century economy through initiatives designed to improve learning in math, engineering, science and technology. For more information, visit [www.kauffman.org](http://www.kauffman.org), and follow the Foundation on [www.twitter.com/kauffmanfdn](http://www.twitter.com/kauffmanfdn) and [www.facebook.com/kauffmanfdn](http://www.facebook.com/kauffmanfdn).

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## About the National Postdoctoral Association

The National Postdoctoral Association (NPA), located in Washington, DC, seeks to advance the research enterprise in the United States by providing a national voice for postdoctoral scholars, who play a vital role in advancing science and technology across the country. The NPA, a nonprofit professional association with 501(c)3 status, serves more than 1,500 postdoctoral scholars as well as more than 180 institutional members, whose research is supported by 40,000 postdoctoral scholars. Among its many efforts, the NPA works to establish and support Postdoctoral Offices (PDOs) and Postdoctoral Associations (PDAs), so that postdoctoral scholars receive guidance and support from their own institutions.

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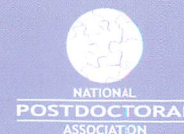
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