The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University invites applicants for research fellowships in plant science. Putnam Fellowships offer excellent opportunities for advanced research and study using the Arboretum’s living collections of woody plants. Scientists with a PhD and who have identified an independent research project that would utilize the Arboretum’s living collections are encouraged to apply. The living collection, numbering some 15,000 plants, in over 2,200 species, is distinguished as one of the most thoroughly documented collections of temperate woody plants in the world. Taxonomic diversity and breadth within the collection are noteworthy, and the floras of China, Japan, and Korea are particularly well represented.

Eligibility
Proposals are sought from early-career individuals with a PhD in plant science, plant genetics, plant ecology, horticulture, or related discipline. Applicants should be well positioned to conduct original, independent research and to publish their findings in peer-reviewed publications.

Fellowship Details
Putnam Fellows are full-time employees of Harvard University during their tenure, with stipends of up to $48,000 per year depending on the duration of the fellowship, and are eligible for health insurance benefits. Modest support is available for research expenses and travel costs. The fellowship is typically awarded for 2 years, pending a satisfactory progress report at the end of the first year. Putnam Fellows are expected to be in full-time residence at the Arboretum and are provided office and research space.

The Putnam Fellowship is an independent post-doctoral position. As an independent scholar, Putnam Fellows have access to shared laboratories, resources, and interactions with fellow scientists, students and staff. It is not necessary to have a specific faculty host.

Application Information
Fellowships are awarded through a competitive review process. To be considered for a fellowship, online applications should include the following: Cover letter, research statement, budget, project time-line, Curriculum Vitae and three letters of recommendation.

Applications are available via our website: http://arboretum.harvard.edu/research/fellowships/. For questions about the award, Arboretum resources, research proposal or submission process, contact the selection committee at arbscholars@fas.harvard.edu.

Additional Information
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