

National Fragile X Foundation International Fragile X Conference Louisville, Kentucky – July 16-19, 2026

Junior Investigators: Helping Secure the Future of Fragile X Scientific Research

The NFXF is committed to promoting scientific and treatment research advancements for Fragile X-associated conditions and disorders through our research facilitation programming, which includes our NFXF Junior Investigator Awards. This program exists to promote and grow future research and treatment professionals in the Fragile X field by providing the invaluable experience in attending, networking, and presenting at the NFXF International Fragile X Conference. The NFXF will offer six awards.

To be considered for the award:

- Candidate must be defined as one of the following:
 - Postdoc
 - Fellow
 - New Faculty (within 3 years of first appointment)
- Candidate must submit an abstract/proposal by **February 2, 2026**.
- Area of focus includes basic, clinical, or translational science in Fragile X.
- Indicate on submission, “I wish to be considered for one of the Junior Investigator awards”.

Abstracts will be reviewed, and the finalists will be selected by the NFXF Conference Advisors and review committee, including members of the NFXF Scientific and Clinical Advisory Committee (SCAC).

Award Recipients:

- Will be notified no later than **April 2, 2026**.
- Will meet with other Junior Investigators and NFXF team members prior to the conference during a one-hour Zoom session.
- Will be expected to present their work during the Junior Investigators oral presentation session. This will be a 1-slide, 5-minute data blitz presentation format.
- Will be expected to participate/present during the poster session (Date/Time TBD).
- Will be expected to submit a self-recorded (15-minute maximum) presentation of your submitted abstract.
- Will be expected to attend and write a summary of one research presentation as assigned by the NFXF. The family-friendly summary will be published by the NFXF post-event. A template will be provided by NFXF.
- May be provided with networking opportunities in line with their field of study and subject of interest.
- Will have the opportunity to be featured in a “Where Are They Now?” blog approximately one year after the conference, to update and engage the community about your research and work.
- NFXF will provide complimentary Professional registration (\$399 value).*
 - **Please do not register for the conference until the awards have been announced. Recipients will receive a unique promotional code for registration.*
- NFXF will provide a three-night hotel room and taxes (Approximately \$760 value).*
 - **Must arrange their own travel/hotel arrangements. Recipients are required to stay at the Marriott Louisville Downtown.*
- NFXF will provide a \$500 travel stipend post-conference for related expenses.
 - Travel stipend request will be completed via online form accepted from **July 22 - August 21, 2026**.
 - Payments will be completed via ACH and require a completed NFXF ACH Vendor form to be submitted at the time of the request.

Questions – contact Anna De Sonia at anna@fragilex.org