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SUBJECT: Microsoft – *Research Faculty Fellows Program* - 2012

The University of Pittsburgh is invited to nominate **ONE** candidate for Microsoft's *Research Faculty Fellows Program*. For a complete copy of the guidelines connect to <http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/awards/nff.aspx> Please post or distribute this information within your areas.

The Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship Awards program provides recipients considerable freedom in planning the focus of their academic research. The funds can be applied to a wide variety of uses to pursue novel research. Examples of possible research areas include, but are not limited to: interdisciplinary research, scientific computing, bioinformatics, computational biology, software engineering, and other areas where computing transforms the discipline and advances the state of the art.

Each fellowship includes a cash award. Nominees must hold a tenure-track faculty position in a U.S. or Canadian research university and they may be no more than six years from the completion of their most recent Ph.D, Sc.D., or M.D.; must be in their first, second, or third year first tenure-track faculty appointment.

A University Provost must nominate the potential fellow and no more than **ONE** nomination from a University will be accepted. **An emphasis is placed on nominations from departments working on computing research areas and on areas that involve the innovative application of computing.**

An internal review and selection process might be necessary because of the limitation placed on the number of candidates the University can nominate. To select the best-qualified candidate to represent the University, nominated faculty should submit the following materials to Elaine Riberich* at the Office of Research by **September 8, 2011**: **1)** brief abstract of the nominee's research **2)** nominee's recent curriculum vitae **3)** a letter of recommendation from the department chair.

For a list of additional *Programs Limiting the Number of Allowed Institutional Submissions* connect to the Office of Research home page <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/index.html> and then select *Funding Resources*.

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