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| **Name:** | Enter nominee’s name here |
| **Argonne Sponsor:** | Your name and division here, along with any co-sponsors |

In up to 2 pages, provide information about your nominee’s credentials, proposed research, and fit with Argonne, on page 3, elaborate on your mentoring plan for your candidate. Completed forms should be submitted via email to [fellowships@anl.gov](mailto:fellowships@anl.gov) with copies to your division director and division HR representative. (Instructions are included in the template below, and can be removed as you fill in the form.)

**Proposal**

**Merit of proposed research:**  Assessment of the strength of the proposed research project

* + What is unique about this proposal?
  + What is the project’s technical value or impact?
  + How is the work innovative or transformational compared to the state-of-the-art?
  + What are the important project outcome(s) and follow-up opportunities?
  + Potential for future funding or growth of a research program?

**Evidence of project feasibility:** How will research objectives be achieved within the proposed timeframe with the available resources (including availability of resources including lab space, computing requirements, equipment, etc. necessary for the research)?

**Nominee:**  Additional information on fit of the candidate for a position at Argonne or information obtained through the interview process that would be of use in the committee review

**Alignment with Argonne**

**Position at Argonne:** Where will this candidate fit into a group/department, division, directorate at Argonne, and how will this position the candidate for retention after the fellowship?

**Alignment with Mission:** Describe the appropriateness or “fit” of the nominee to Argonne’s mission and research community and of the fellowship to the nominee’s career objectives. Is the proposal aligned with the strategic directions and missions of the lab or DOE? Be specific, citing strategic areas, major or emerging initiatives or core capabilities, where possible.

**Plan for third year 50% funding:** The first two years of the fellowship are funded 100% by Argonne’s Laboratory Directed Research Development (LDRD) Program. The third year is funded 50% by LDRD and 50% by other programs identified by the fellow and sponsor. This model allows fellows to advance independent research as outlined in their fellowship proposal, while making significant contributions to other Laboratory initiatives. Please describe plans for future support for your candidate.

**Mentoring Plan**

A goal of the Maria Goeppert Mayer Fellowship is to support the growth of talented researchers who are at early stages of their careers. Mentoring is a key component of professional and career development to enable successful career transitions. **In up to one page, describe how you plan to mentor this candidate if selected**. Mentoring activities may include, but are not limited to, fostering connections to broaden networks internal and external to the laboratory, providing opportunities for fellows to explore career interests, development of professional skills to support growth as a principal investigator such as project management, mentoring students, building collaborations, securing future funding and developing a strategic mindset through engagement with program managers and initiative leaders, etc.

**Acknowledgements**

**Sponsor Responsibilities:**

Sponsors are responsible for submitting their nominee’s project into the Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) system if the nominee is selected as an LDRD Fellow. The sponsor will be co-PI of the LDRD project and will be responsible for any LDRD requirements if the Fellow does not remain at Argonne.

Sponsors will mentor candidates throughout the fellowship appointment towards:

* Success in the proposed research, and support in realignment if the research direction changes.
* Meeting reporting and project management requirements in accordance with LDRD guidelines.
* Identifying opportunities for program growth.
* Exploring career interests.

Sponsors are expected to provide support by:

* Encouraging and facilitating networking.
* Supporting the fellow with integration into the division and laboratory community.
* Working with the fellow to secure support for the third year 50% funding.

Enter your name and the date below to acknowledge the sponsor responsibilities.

Sponsor: .

Co-sponsor (if applicable): .

**Division Acknowledgment:** The nominee, proposed research and third year 50% funding plan must be discussed with division management before submission of the nomination. This discussion should also include integration of the nominee into the division structure and the nominee’s supervisor (if not the sponsor).

Enter the date of the meeting and meeting attendees below to indicate the Division’s acknowledgement of this nomination and the research plan.

Meeting Date and Attendees:

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