

## SEC Emerging Scholars - Postdocs FAQ

### What is the Statement Reviewer?

Statement Reviewer: As part of your application, you need to recruit a **faculty** to be a *Statement Reviewer*. The *Statement Reviewer* will serve as a reviewer of yours and one other Scholar's research and teaching statements and attend the Preparation Workshop to provide constructive feedback on the statements. Expectations for content in research and teaching statements can vary among disciplines. Thus, it is important to have field-specific feedback. We recommend that the *Statement Reviewer* be a faculty member who was hired within the last 5 years to provide a fresh perspective of the academic job market. The LOCAL Preparation Workshop is held approximately 1 month prior to the SEC Emerging Scholar Conference.

Best would be that your *Statement Review* be a different faculty than your Research Advisor, however, you can select your Research Advisor to serve as *Statement Reviewer* if they agree.

### Do you have guidance on how to write a research statement or teaching statement?

We are providing guidance on writing a Research Statement, but recognize this guidance is purely informational and written as if you were to apply to a tenure-track faculty position. There is variance among disciplines and institutions in the expectations and/or requirements of research statements. The strongest advice is to have a faculty (especially someone hired recently, if possible) you know in your discipline read over your statement and give feedback.

For the purposes of this competition only (and not necessarily an actual faculty position you would apply to), the reviewers may not have familiarity with the expectations in your discipline (e.g., publishing a book in some disciplines compared to journal articles in others). Therefore, we recommend you have a sentence or two that indicates the "norm" in your discipline and how you are meeting or exceeding this expectation within the context of your current career stage.

View the [Research Statement Guidance](#) document for additional resources for writing academic job application research statements.

### Can the SEC Emerging Scholar have another major fellowship simultaneously?

No.  
SEC Emerging Scholars may not accept any additional funding (e.g., assistantships, fellowships, internships, employment, etc.) during the fellowship tenure of September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025.

Primary intents of the program for the SEC Postdoc Scholar are to participate in professional development events, and prepare application materials for next-stage academic positions (e.g., tenure-track faculty positions).

### How do I contact if I have questions?

For questions related to Eligibility, Requirements of the SEC Emerging Scholars, or Required Application Materials, please read the Call for Applications. If you have additional questions on these topics, please feel free to contact [opa@tamu.edu](mailto:opa@tamu.edu) with a subject line SEC Postdoc Scholar.