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# TOP 40 US INSTITUTIONS

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Rank 2010	Rank 2009	Institution	Strengths	Weaknesses
1	-	<b>Trudeau Institute</b> , Saranac Lake, NY	Networking Opportunities	Family and Personal Life
2	4	<b>Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation</b> , Ardmore, OK	Training and Mentoring	Communication
3	1	<b>Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research</b> , Cambridge, MA	Facilities and Infrastructure	Funding
4	6	<b>Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research</b> , Cambridge, MA	Equity	Benefits
5	9	<b>Genentech</b> , South San Francisco, CA	Funding	Benefits
6	8	<b>Rocky Mountain Laboratory</b> , NIH, Hamilton, MT	Facilities and Infrastructure	Remuneration and Compensation
7	62	<b>University of Colorado Denver</b> , CO	Communication	Family and Personal Life
8	5	<b>Sandia National Laboratories</b> , Livermore, CA	Remuneration and Compensation	Family and Personal Life
9	17	<b>Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution</b> , MA	Career Development Opportunities	Family and Personal Life
10	24	<b>Mayo Clinic</b> , Rochester, MN	Value of the Postdoc Experience	Benefits
11	13	<b>Argonne National Laboratory</b> , IL	Communication	Career Development Opportunities
12	3	<b>J. David Gladstone Institutes</b> , San Francisco, CA	Funding	Career Development Opportunities
13	2	<b>The Jackson Laboratory</b> , Bar Harbor, ME	Facilities and Infrastructure	Equity
14	-	<b>Children's Hospital of Philadelphia</b> , PA	Equity	Networking Opportunities
15	7	<b>Institute for Systems Biology</b> , Seattle, WA	Benefits	Family and Personal Life
16	51	<b>Naval Research Laboratory</b> , Washington, DC	Remuneration and Compensation	Equity
17	12	<b>Fox Chase Cancer Center</b> , Philadelphia, PA	Training and Mentoring	Communication
18	-	<b>Princeton University</b> , NJ	Funding	Benefits
19	14	<b>Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center</b> , Seattle, WA	Career Development Opportunities	Funding
20	30	<b>Medical College of Wisconsin</b> , Milwaukee, WI	Training and Mentoring	Communication
21	19	<b>National Cancer Institute</b> , Bethesda/Frederick, MD	Facilities and Infrastructure	Career Development Opportunities
22	29	<b>Emory University</b> , Atlanta, GA	Training and Mentoring	Career Development Opportunities
23	34	<b>Sandia National Laboratories</b> , Albuquerque, NM	Remuneration and Compensation	Benefits
24	56	<b>University of Alabama at Birmingham</b> , AL	Career Development Opportunities	Training and Mentoring
25	15	<b>Van Andel Research Institute</b> , Grand Rapids, MI	Training and Mentoring	Communication
26	20	<b>Vanderbilt University</b> , Nashville, TN	Facilities and Infrastructure	Career Development Opportunities
27	32	<b>National Institutes of Health</b> , Bethesda, MD	Facilities and Infrastructure	Career Development Opportunities
28	-	<b>Los Alamos National Laboratory</b> , NM	Remuneration and Compensation	Benefits
29	-	<b>National Institute of Standards and Technology</b> , Gaithersburg, MD	Family and Personal Life	Networking Opportunities
30	36	<b>St. Jude Children's Research Hospital</b> , Memphis, TN	Facilities and Infrastructure	Benefits
31	25	<b>Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory</b> , NY	Networking Opportunities	Equity
32	38	<b>Washington University</b> , St. Louis, MO	Family and Personal Life	Value of the Postdoc Experience
33	23	<b>University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center</b> , Houston, TX	Training and Mentoring	Facilities and Infrastructure
34	28	<b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI	Facilities and Infrastructure	Value of the Postdoc Experience
35	-	<b>Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory</b> , Berkeley, CA	Networking Opportunities	Remuneration and Compensation
36	-	<b>City of Hope</b> , Duarte, CA	Communication	Benefits
37	41	<b>University of California, San Francisco</b> , CA	Value of the Postdoc Experience	Career Development Opportunities
38	11	<b>Oak Ridge Associated Universities</b> , TN	Remuneration and Compensation	Networking Opportunities
39	-	<b>University of Nebraska Medical Center</b> , Omaha, NE	Communication	Family and Personal Life
40	-	<b>Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory</b> , Livermore, CA	Remuneration and Compensation	Benefits

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Rank	Institution	No. of Postdocs	Salary Range	Postdoc Resources	Benefits*
1	Trudeau Institute, Saranac Lake, NY	20	\$36,000-\$43,000	Postdoc association	Health
2	Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK	63	\$41,200-\$61,800	Postdoc association, professional development program	Health, retirement
3	Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, Cambridge, MA	138	\$48,658-\$51,764	Postdoc association	Health, retirement
4	Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Cambridge, MA	42	starts at \$55,000	Postdoc office, professional development program	Health, retirement
5	Genentech, South San Francisco, CA	125	\$51,000-\$54,000	None	Health
6	Rocky Mountain Laboratory, NIH, Hamilton, MT	57	\$43,100-\$61,700	Postdoc association	Health
7	University of Colorado Denver, CO	275-300	\$37,368-\$89,209	Postdoc office, advisory committee, postdoc association	Health
8	Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, CA	78**	\$55,000-\$80,000	Postdoc professional development program	Health, retirement
9	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, MA	74	\$36,000-\$115,000 (average 56,000)	Postdoc office, postdoc association	Health
10	Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN	429***	declined to provide information	Postdoc office	Health
11	Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL	210	\$52,800-\$95,700	Postdoc office, postdoc committee, postdoc association	Health, retirement
12	J. David Gladstone Institutes, San Francisco, CA	104	\$42,400-\$75,000	Postdoc office, advisory committee, and advisor	Health, retirement
13	The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME	38	\$37,368-\$55,676	Postdoc office	Health, retirement
14	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute, PA	115	\$39,360-\$51,552	Postdoc office	Health, retirement
15	Institute for Systems Biology, Seattle, WA	32	\$37,000-\$51,000	Postdoc association, postdoc alumni group	Health, retirement

\*Retirement denotes a plan with a match from the employer \*\*includes 12 in Emeryville, Calif. \*\*\*for the entire Mayo Clinic system

## TOP INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Rank	Institution	No. of Postdocs	Salary Range	Postdoc Resources	Benefits*
1	Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Horsham, United Kingdom	9	£33,500	Postdoc office, professional development program	Health (private)
2	University College London, United Kingdom	200	£34,500-£57,900	Postdoc professional and personal development program	Health, pension
3	University of Dundee, United Kingdom	278	£28,839-£43,622	Postdoc association, professional development program	National health, pension
4	Umeå University, Sweden	150	27,000-31,000 SEK	Postdoc office, professional development program	Health, retirement
5	Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Basel, Switzerland	41	starts at 83,400 CHF	Postdoc office, professional development program	National health, pension
6	Biozentrum Basel, Switzerland	102	66,600-88,00 CHF	Postdoc association	National pension
7	University of Cambridge, United Kingdom	909	£27,183-£46,278	Postdoc association, professional development program	Health (option of national or private), pension
8	Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciencia, Oeiras, Portugal	56	€17,940-€29,248	Postdoc association	National health
9	Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden	426	23,000-49,000 SEK	Postdoc association, professional development program	Health
10	University of Toronto, Canada	1475	\$41,750	Postdoc association	Health