



GIA Invites Researchers to Apply for Postdoctoral Fellowships in Mineralogy,  
Materials Science and Gemology

*Richard T. Liddicoat Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in California and New York*

**CARLSBAD, Calif. – Jan. 4, 2017** – Qualified candidates are invited to apply for Richard T. Liddicoat Postdoctoral Research Fellowships at GIA’s (Gemological Institute of America) Carlsbad, Calif. and New York campuses. The one-to-two year fellowships encourage early career scientists to pursue full-time academic research in mineralogy, geology, physics, materials science and other fields related to gemology – the study of diamonds, colored gemstones, pearls and their treatment.

“Our postdoctoral fellows have the opportunity to conduct research that focuses on fundamental scientific problems in diamond geology, defect physics and synthesis,” said Dr. Wuyi Wang, director of research and development for GIA. “GIA’s fellowship program provides unique access to some of the most specialized resources and researchers related to diamonds and other gems.”

Liddicoat Postdoctoral Research Fellows conduct creative, independent, publishable research and are strongly encouraged to collaborate with GIA scientists as well as outside research institutions and universities. The start date of each fellowship is flexible, but accepted candidates should begin by Jan. 31, 2018. Applicants must have received their Ph.D. in a relevant field by the start date and preferably within the last three years.

The fellowship includes a competitive annual stipend, research funding and travel subsidies for approved offsite research work. Benefits include full health, dental and vision insurance, and the potential reimbursement of relocation expenses. Appointments are for one year and may be extended for a second year based on mutual agreement.

Applications are due by April 30, 2017. More information about the application process, the Liddicoat Postdoctoral Research Fellowships, GIA’s facilities and current and past research areas are available at [GIA.edu/research-careers](http://GIA.edu/research-careers).

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**About GIA**

An independent nonprofit organization, GIA (Gemological Institute of America), established in 1931, is recognized as the world’s foremost authority in gemology. GIA invented the famous 4Cs of Color, Clarity, Cut and Carat Weight in the early 1950s and in 1953, created the International Diamond Grading System™ which, today, is recognized by virtually every professional jeweler in the world.

Through research, education, gemological laboratory services, and instrument development, the Institute is dedicated to ensuring the public trust in gems and jewelry by upholding the highest standards of integrity, academics, science, and professionalism. Visit [www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu).

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