

## Van Andel Institute Postdoc Preview

Van Andel Institute (VAI), a world-class biomedical research institute, located in Grand Rapids, MI, is dedicated to improving human health. We are pioneers in the fight against cancer, Parkinson's, and other diseases. We are committed to inspiring the next generation of scientists and educators.

### Are you a senior graduate student exploring your postdoc options?

VAI Postdoc Preview provides selected applicants the opportunity to visit [Van Andel Institute](#) to learn about our postdoctoral training opportunities, meet one-on-one with our [internationally recognized faculty](#) and explore our extensive scientific resources, including our state-of-the-art [Core Technologies and Services](#). There is no cost to attend. VAI provides transportation, lodging and meals for all selected applicants. We also are pleased to offer family care grants for those caring for children or other family members. VAI is now accepting applications for the Spring Postdoc Preview event on **April 18–20, 2024. Applications are due by Feb. 25, 2024.** [Click here to learn more and to apply.](#)

### Eligibility

Applicants must be current graduate students at U.S. institutions who anticipate beginning a postdoctoral fellowship within the next year. Individuals who identify as members of underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who are eligible for VAI's NCI T32-funded [Cancer Epigenetics Training Program](#) and VAI's [Inspire Fellowship](#). Prior to starting the [online application](#), please compile a list of [VAI faculty members](#) whose research interests you, along with your curriculum vitae.

### About postdoctoral training at VAI

VAI labs conduct world-class biomedical research in cancer epigenetics, neurodegeneration, metabolism, cell biology and structural biology — all supported by outstanding Core Technologies and Services. Postdocs are a crucial part of VAI, so they receive **highly competitive salaries, which start at \$70,000 per year**. VAI also offers postdocs [comprehensive benefits](#), including low-cost health insurance for self and family, paid parental leave, and much more.

We offer numerous fully funded postdoctoral positions across our areas of focus. Learn more about postdoctoral training opportunities at VAI [here](#). In addition, we have two internal fellowship programs: a National Cancer Institute T32-funded Cancer Epigenetics Training (CET) program, and the Inspire Fellowship program for postdocs who identify as underrepresented minorities. Please note that attending Postdoc Preview does not guarantee you a fellowship or a postdoc position at VAI; we encourage you to also apply to one or more of our open postdoc positions and fellowship opportunities (see FAQ tab on the [VAI Postdoc Preview webpage](#) for more information).

**Questions? Please contact Dr. Erica Gobrogge, program director of VAI's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, at [opa@vai.org](mailto:opa@vai.org).**

### **About Van Andel Institute**

Established in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1996 by the Van Andel family, VAI is now home to nearly 500 scientists, educators and support staff, who work with national and international collaborators to foster discovery. The Institute's scientists study the origins of cancer, Parkinson's and other diseases and translate their findings into breakthrough prevention and treatment strategies. Our educators develop inquiry-based approaches for K–12 education to help students and teachers prepare the next generation of problem-solvers, while our Graduate School offers a rigorous, research-intensive Ph.D. program in molecular and cellular biology.

### **About Grand Rapids, MI**

Van Andel Institute is in downtown [Grand Rapids, Michigan](#) in the center of the [Medical Mile](#). A remarkable combination of a cosmopolitan atmosphere and small-town warmth, [Grand Rapids](#) is known for its philanthropic and sustainability-driven community. It's fun affordable and family-friendly.

Located on the banks of the Grand River, [Grand Rapids](#) offers all the big-city excitement you'd expect from a million-resident metropolis, featuring hundreds of restaurants and nightspots, theatres, museums, sports and concerts. The safe and clean downtown is surrounded by an eclectic mix of walkable neighborhoods and natural areas. The downtown area is often referred to as safe and clean with an eclectic mix of walkable neighborhoods and natural areas.