

The Fisher Center Discovery Program

Request for Application

Letter of Intent	LOI is encouraged, but optional. LOI submission deadline August 25, 2013
Application Deadline	September 15, 2013
Eligible	All Johns Hopkins faculty (Fellow, house staff or student proposals must be supported by a faculty member mentor)
Budget	Up to \$50,000
Number Available	Maximum 5 projects will be funded
Grant Period	Twelve months, with a 12 month extension available upon competitive review
Application	Online at https://ictrweb.johnshopkins.edu/ictr/connection/ Follow the links to the Fisher Center Discovery Program
Award Notification	On or before November 30, 2013
Award Start	January 1-June 30, 2014, at investigator discretion

Program Objectives

The Fisher Center Discovery Program (FCDP) is designed to accomplish the following objectives

- To promote research by providing funds that will support projects focused on clinical or translational research related to environmental infectious diseases (ID). Environmental ID includes disease causing agents found in traditional ecological environments, such as air, soil, and water, in addition to vector-borne or zoonotic diseases, as well as those found within human flora and built environments (home, hospital, and community).
- To provide expertise, resources, services, and mentorship opportunities for pilot or clinical studies that may lack traditional funding mechanisms.
- To promote novel, cross-disciplinary collaborative clinical research among schools of the Johns Hopkins University.
- To provide funding for hands-on training and mentoring of young investigators in the science of clinical investigation.

Eligibility

- All faculty members of Johns Hopkins University, especially junior faculty, are encouraged to apply.
- Only Johns Hopkins University faculty members holding a terminal degree (MD, DO, PhD, PharmD, DVM, or equivalent) may apply as Principal Investigator (PI).
- Hopkins-affiliated postdoctoral fellows, house staff, medical school students, graduate students, and undergraduate students may submit a FCDP application and be included as research team members on FCDP proposals. However, they may not be the PI. If the applicant is not a faculty member, the supporting Faculty member PI is required to write a letter indicating review and approval of the project.

Project Topics

- Emphasis will be on understudied and/or traditionally under-funded infectious diseases.
- FCDP resources will be concentrated on clinical research. Laboratory research will only be considered as part of a translational or clinical research project.
- Collaborative research within the Hopkins community is strongly encouraged. Novel collaboration with non-traditional partners is strongly encouraged.

Application Process

- Application documents may be obtained online at <https://ictrweb.johnshopkins.edu/ictr/connection/>, Fisher Center Discovery Program. Login and identification of research team members will require the JHED ID.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the document *Fisher Center Discovery Program Application Guidelines*.
- Questions about the FCDP and application process may be emailed to: fishercenter@jhmi.edu