

The Fisher Center Discovery Program 2016

Request for Application

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| Letter of Intent | LOI is encouraged, but optional. LOI submission deadline August 24, 2015 at 11:59 PM |
| Application Deadline | September 15, 2015 at 11:59 PM |
| Eligible | All full time Johns Hopkins University 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 no-cost extension available upon review |
| Application | Online at https://ictrweb.johnshopkins.edu/ictr/?ApplyFCDP |
| Award Notification | On or before January 15, 2016 |
| Award Start | January 15-June 30, 2016, 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 and our non-Hopkins counterparts at other institutions.
- To provide funding for hands-on training and mentoring of young investigators in the science of clinical investigation.

Eligibility

- All full-time 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.
- Because funding may be found from multiple sources and/or not fit within the theme of environmental infectious diseases; HIV, Hepatitis A/B/C, influenza, and tuberculosis, as examples, will not generally be considered for FCDP awards.
- 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 and outside 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/> ; Connection Request. Log in with your JHED ID using the *Click Here* button in the yellow box. Under ICTR Services, select the Fisher Center Discovery Program, click Proceed.
- 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 or 443-287-4840.