

The Fisher Center Discovery Program 2017

Request for Application

Letter of Intent	LOI is encouraged, but optional. LOI submission deadline August 22, 2016 at 11:59 PM
Application Deadline	September 16, 2016 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 3 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, hyperlink
Award Notification	On or before December 15, 2016
Award Start	January 15-June 30, 2017, at investigator discretion

Please Note The grant is offered university-wide. In fact, we encourage cross-discipline and cross-school collaborative research. Any full-time faculty person from within Johns Hopkins University (JHU), including the schools of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing, Engineering, Business, and Arts/Sciences may act as PI.

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, PhD 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/?ApplyFCDP>
- 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.