

Doris Duke Early Clinician Investigator Award

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: Monday, **FEBRUARY 2, 2018**, 5:00 PM EST

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The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation has been committed to advancing clinical research for many years. Their review of the data has led them to the position that short-term support for clinical researchers facing intense extra professional career obstacles could help them stay on a clinical investigation career track. With funding from the foundation and the School of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins Doris Duke Early Clinician Investigator Award aims to provide financial and mentoring resources for up to two years to junior physician scientists who are working to maintain productivity during periods of significant extraprofessional responsibilities – childcare, elder care, family illness, or personal health issues.

Terms of the Award

- One-year grant of up to \$40,000 with the possibility of renewal for a second year. Upon approval by program directors, awardees may use these supplemental, flexible funds for research purposes tailored to their individual career needs. We expect most funds to be used for personnel (research assistant/study coordinators), services (grant writing assistance, data management/analysis), supplies, and awardee salary support for research activities. However, funds may not be used to increase awardee salary or to pay directly for care of family members. Research utilizing animals or primary tissues derived from animals will not be supported.
- Each awardee will be provided with a program mentor who will meet with them regularly to provide advice and guidance in implementing plans for career development and use of clinical research resources.
- The program will also work with awardees to identify ICTR resources that may support the research, which may include research navigator consultation, senior research coordinator support, biostatistical and data management consultation, access to electronic medical record data for research, and assistance in research participant recruitment and retention. Many of these resources are available at a certain level at no cost to junior faculty as part of the ICTR, however, the investigator could choose additional services (e.g., hiring a CTSA-trained research coordinator, long-term biostatistical support, large electronic medical data needs) and use Doris Duke funds in part for these resources. Program mentors will facilitate obtaining ICTR services for investigators.
- Awardees will complete annual progress reports and meet one-on-one with Program Directors to monitor individual progress.
- Access to the myriad career development resources available through the ICTR and School of Medicine's Office of Faculty Development, including the K2R Mentored-to-Independence Transition Program.

Eligibility Requirements

- Full-time Assistant Professor or Instructor appointment in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine *at the time of the award* (appointment may not be contingent upon receipt of this award)
- Hold an MD or DO degree and an active US medical license
- Strong evidence of commitment to pursuing a career as a clinician-scientist
- Conduct clinical research that must have the potential to impact human health
 - * *In keeping with the wishes expressed in Doris Duke's will, experiments that utilize animals or primary tissues derived from animals will not be supported by this program*
- Candidates must have research support such as a career development award or research project grant, which includes salary support research support currently or within the last year
- Candidates must be able to demonstrate a compelling need for the supplement that is related to significant extraprofessional responsibilities – typically childcare, elder care, family illness, or personal health issues

Application Sections

Candidates MUST use the provided templates where applicable

1. Face sheet
2. Personal statement (maximum of 2 pages) and should describe career plans (including the path to independence), mentorship plan, and research plan describing the ongoing project
3. Statement of need, describing the significant extraprofessional caregiving responsibilities and how funds will aid in maintaining research productivity. (please limit to 250 words)
4. Curriculum Vitae (no template)
5. Description of all current and pending support (external and internal sources), with amounts and dates
6. Nomination letter from department/division director (maximum of 2 pages). The letter should address career development plans for the candidate, candidate's promise for a successful academic career in clinical investigation and division's commitment to the candidate.
7. Letter(s) of support from the research mentor(s) (maximum of 1 page each for letters)
8. Detailed budget and justification using the included budget template.
 - Funding (up to \$40,000) can be requested to supplement a currently funded project for up to two years. Funds may be used for an assistant such as a statistician, study coordinator, grant writer, or laboratory technician, or for enabling the applicant to reduce clinical effort and gain protected time for research.

Selection

Award recipients will be chosen using NIH-style peer review. Senior faculty will review and evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

- **Academic Achievements to Date:** Applicant's research productivity, grants and awards received, publication/presentation record; Didactic and other clinical investigation training; Recommendations from and support of the mentor/division
- **Academic Potential:** Potential to become/remain a successful investigator in clinical research; Likelihood applicant will successfully compete for future grant/award funding; Consistency of applicant's career goals with prior and current research experience
- **Need for Support:** How compelling is the case for why funding is needed to maintain productivity while also facing the significant demands of being a caregiver; Evidence that Doris Duke program support would help facilitate the applicant's long-term research and career development goals

There will be a balance between weighing the review criteria particularly with regard for need for support. Applicants will be notified of their status by March 2018. Funding will begin July 1.

Program Evaluation

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is evaluating the impact of this new and experimental effort. All 10 participating institutions are obligated to facilitate this evaluation process by collecting applicant data as part of an IRB-approved research study (PI: Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil, Professor and Deputy Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Michigan). We collect information regarding age, gender, ethnicity, race, disability and disadvantaged status at the time of application. Data will be kept confidential and used for anonymous reporting. Additionally, all applicants are asked to complete a follow-up survey, whether or not they were selected for funding. Data submitted for this evaluation project is de-identified.

Contact Us

For additional information, please see our [FAQ page](#).

Please contact Dr. Gail Daumit, Program Co-Director, gdaumit@jhmi.edu, or Gregory Thornton, Program Manager, gthornton@jhmi.edu with questions/comments regarding any information contained in this document or to discuss special circumstances.

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