The Fisher Center Discovery Program, Request for Application 2022
The Sherrilyn and Ken Fisher Center for Environmental Infectious Diseases
Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases

The Fisher Center Discovery Program (FCDP)
Request for Application (RFA) 2022

Environmental Infectious Diseases

Letter of Intent  LOI is optional. LOI submission deadline Monday, October 4, 2021 at 11:59 PM
Application Deadline  Monday, October 25, 2021 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 $60,000.00 USD
Number Available  Maximum five projects will be awarded in November 2021
Grant Period  Twelve months, with a possible 12-month no-cost time extension upon review
Application  https://hopkinsinfectiousdiseases.jhmi.edu/research/research-areas/environmental-id/fisher-center-discovery-program-grants/
Submit Via Email  Submit the application and supporting documents via email, fishercenter@jhmi.edu
Award Notification  On or before November 30, 2021
Award Start  January 2 – June 30, 2021 at investigator discretion
Contact  Email: fishercenter@jhmi.edu; Phone: 443-287-4800

The grant is offered university-wide. 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, Arts/Sciences, and Applied Physics Lab may apply and act as PI. These Discovery Program grants are possible through the generous support of Sherrilyn Fisher.

Grant Cycle Calendar

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Program Goals for 2022

- Provide financial support for clinical or translational research related to environmental infectious diseases
- Provide resources for pilot or clinical studies that may lack traditional funding mechanisms.
- Promote novel, cross-disciplinary collaborative clinical research
- Facilitate the research careers of early career researchers (faculty or trainees)
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 serve as Principal Investigator (PI).
- Hopkins-affiliated postdoctoral fellows, house staff, medical school students, PhD students, graduate students, and undergraduate students may submit an 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, mentorship responsibility, and approval of the project.

Project Topics

- Proposals must be related to environmental infectious diseases.
- COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 clinical and translational research will be considered only if the primary component of the research is environmental infectious diseases.
- Emphasis will be on understudied and/or traditionally under-funded environmental infectious diseases.
- FCDP resources will be concentrated on generating clinical or translational research to generate pilot or more comprehensive data.
- Laboratory research will be considered if part of a translational or clinical research project.
- Projects will have a competitive advantage if directly relating to environmental infectious diseases affecting human health in North America. Other favorable aspects include the potential for broad impact and early career investigator as the applicant. Also considered are international projects that would be difficult to carry out domestically, but have a health impact in North America.
- Investigators with questions about their research topic are encouraged to submit a brief LOI.

How to Apply

- LOI form, Application form, and related documents online
  - [https://hopkinsinfectiousdiseases.jhmi.edu/research/research-areas/environmental-id/fisher-center-discovery-program-grants/](https://hopkinsinfectiousdiseases.jhmi.edu/research/research-areas/environmental-id/fisher-center-discovery-program-grants/)
- Applicants are strongly encourage to review the document Fisher Center Discovery Program Application Guidelines 2022 before completing the application and supporting documents.

Contact Information

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