Purpose

The Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award provides grants to junior physician scientists to facilitate their transition to independent clinical research careers.

2015 Award Details

The Clinical Scientist Development Award does not require institutional nomination in 2015.

Pre-proposals are being sought from junior physician-scientist faculty conducting clinical research in any disease area. It is recommended that applicants have significant research experience and strong publication records consistent with the assistant professor rank.

In keeping with the wishes expressed in Doris Duke's will, experiments that use animals or primary tissues derived from animals will not be supported by this program.

View the Request for Applications & Application Instructions here.

Application Process

This competition will employ a two-stage process. Pre-proposals will be reviewed and up to 50 applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by December 22, 2014.

The application website will be available on October 1, 2014. All applicants will be required to complete a web-based questionnaire assessing their eligibility to apply for this award. If eligibility criteria are met, applicants will be automatically directed to the web-based pre-proposal form.

It is strongly suggested that potential applicants review the Request for Applications prior to accessing the eligibility questionnaire.

Note that you will need the tax ID of the institution where you hold your academic appointment in order to access the questionnaire.

Access the eligibility questionnaire here.

Eligibility requirements
For a full explanation of the eligibility requirements, view the Request for Applications here.

Applicants must:

- Hold an M.D., D.O. or foreign equivalent degree from an accredited institution.
- Have a valid, active U.S. medical license at the time of application, but do not have to be U.S. citizens.
- Be working at a U.S. academic institution that grants doctoral degrees and is able to receive an award as an organization with 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Service status.
- Have a full-time, salaried faculty appointment as assistant professor. Have been appointed to their first assistant professor position between November 1, 2009 and November 1, 2013.
- Propose a clinical research project, as defined by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, in any disease area. See definition in the Request for Applications.
- Not be the principal investigator of a multi-year grant with annual direct funding in the amount of $225,000 or higher with start date prior to and inclusive of July 1, 2015.
- Not be the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on a National Institutes of Health R01 research grant or equivalent that has a start date prior to and inclusive of July 1, 2015.
- Be guaranteed a minimum overall research time protection of 75% of full-time professional effort by the institution where the applicant has an appointment. There is no explicit minimum percent effort that must be dedicated to the CSDA project.

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