Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award

Request for Proposals

UCSD Internal Review Deadline: January 6, 2015 by 5:00 PM (PDT)

This is a limited submission opportunity requiring internal review; please see internal review instructions below

Damon Runyon
To accelerate breakthroughs, Damon Runyon provides today’s best young scientists with funds to pursue innovative cancer research.

Purpose
The Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award supports independent young physician-scientists conducting disease-oriented research that demonstrates a high level of innovation and creativity. The goal is to support the best young physician-scientists doing work aimed at improving the practice of cancer medicine.

The award will provide $450,000 over three years in financial support. In addition, the Foundation will retire up to $100,000 of any medical school debt owed by the trainee.

Eligibility:

• The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident.
• Each applicant must be nominated by his/her institution.
• The applicant must have received an MD or MD/PhD degree(s) from an accredited institution, completed his/her subspecialty training and be board-eligible.
• The applicant must hold a valid, active U.S. medical license at the time of application.
• The applicant must apply within the first four (4) years of his/her initial full faculty appointment (cut-off July 2011). Adjunct or acting positions are not eligible.
• Candidates holding or awarded R01s at the time of application are not eligible to apply.
• The applicant must commit to spending 80% of their time conducting research. [In rare unique circumstances, the CIA Review Committee may consider an applicant with a very modest reduction of 80% protected time if their Department Chair can provide a compelling reason explaining why a waiver of the 80% requirement should be granted, what percentage of effort will be guaranteed, and what safeguards will be put in place to make sure the individual’s research will not be compromised by their clinical/administrative activities.]
• The applicant is required to apply in conjunction with a Mentor who is established in the field of clinical translational cancer research, cancer prevention and/or epidemiology and can provide the critical guidance needed during the period of the award.
• Senior investigator can be a mentor on only one application.
• Investigators may receive funding from other sources to support their research. However, no other physician-scientist mentored career development award from a private source (non-federal government) may be held concurrently with the Clinical Investigator Award (AACR, ACS-MRSG, ASCO, Burroughs Wellcome, Doris Duke, HHMI, LLS).
• Physician-scientist career development awards from the federal government including the National Institutes of Health (e.g., K-08, K-12, K-23), the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs are allowed.

For general information and to view current clinical investigator awards, please view these web pages:
http://www.damonrunyon.org/for_scientists/more/clinical_investigator_award_overview
http://www.damonrunyon.org/for_scientists/more/clinical_investigator_award_application_guidelines
http://www.damonrunyon.org/current_projects/category/clinical_investigators

UCSD may submit five applications:

Documentation Required for Internal Review:
· Summary page with complete contact information of PI: including full name, current academic title, university department, phone number, email address. Name of mentor. Title of funding opportunity and title of proposal.

· Proposal: 2 page limit, including background, hypothesis/objectives, and research plan. Use Arial 11, 0.5 inch margins on each side. Cited references are not counted in the page limits

· Include 2 page biosketch for applicant and mentor

Combine all documents listed above into one pdf and email to: cancerfunding@ucsd.edu by 5:00 PM on January 6, 2015.

Important 2015 Dates:

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· Applicants will be notified of internal review selections by January 20, 2015

· The application deadline to granting agency is February 17, 2015 by 5:00 PM (EST)

· Grant awards will be announced May, 2015; funding begins July 1, 2015

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