

Boston Children's Hospital

2014 OFD/RRRC/CTREC Faculty Career Development ANNOUNCEMENT (13 Awards)

Sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and the Research Committees (RRRC and CTREC)

The Office of Faculty Development, with the joint sponsorship of the Research Recruitment and Resource Committee (RRRC) and the Clinical and Translational Research Executive Committee (CTREC), announces the Children's 2014 Career Development Fellowships.

Deadline for Applications: 3:00PM Wednesday, February 26, 2014 (Note the application deadline for the HMS Shore Fellowship is Monday, February 10. Applicants are encouraged to apply for both).

Purpose of awards

The purpose is to provide transitional funding for Instructors and Assistant Professors to enhance research productivity during the early critical years of an academic research career.

Some of the awards are restricted, some are unrestricted. Those applying under the restricted category are also eligible for the unrestricted awards. These awards include:

- 4 Awards designated to junior faculty who belong to a racial/ethnic population underrepresented in medicine and science (URM)* **OR** who have family responsibilities such as being the primary caregiver for children and/or parents
- 9 Awards unrestricted and open to all junior faculty

Awards

Each of the Fellowship awards provides \$50,000/year in direct costs plus 20% overhead for two years. The awards are funded 75% by the hospital and 25% by the Division/Department. The awards will support resources for research including supplies, salary (PI and/or research assistant), or other requests, upon review, that will contribute to the individual's academic career development. Major costs for tuition for courses are not included.

Eligibility

- MD, PhD, or equivalent; current primary academic appointment at Boston Children's Hospital and receiving salary/benefits from Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) or a BCH foundation OR be a member of the joint BCH/DFCI Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program; Instructor or Assistant Professor at HMS (by July 1, 2014)
- Demonstrated excellence in research training, productivity, and a well-defined focus in clinical, translational, or basic research, but without substantial independent support
- Faculty with a current RRRC/CTREC recruitment package are NOT eligible to apply

Proposal Submission and Review

Applications should be submitted to S. Jean Emans, MD, Office of Faculty Development, 300 Longwood Avenue LO 637 (mail address) or delivered to 333 Longwood Avenue, Room 637 (actual address). All proposals will be evaluated and ranked by an ad hoc review panel, consisting of Children's investigators. The review committee may choose to interview potential recipients. Criteria for funding priority for all applications will be: excellence of research design, need, and promise for future funding and academic advancement. The OFD will announce the awards by mail following the review process and final approval by the RRRC and the CTREC.

Application Format

Submit seventeen copies. Applications must include:

- Title page: principal investigator's name and project title; Children's Hospital ID number; Division/Department; Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School professional appointments; BCH/DFCI address, telephone, fax, email, cell phone number; Type of research: Basic, Translational, Clinical
- Research proposal summary (3-page limit, excluding references): background and significance; aims and hypotheses; preliminary data; methods; analysis plan; timeframe; and references
- Career Development Plan (½ page limit) prepared by applicant
- Statement of family responsibilities (primary caregiver of children and/or parents) on career and how fellowship would address this (½ page), **IF** applying under the family responsibility criterion.
- NIH Biosketch and Other support (NIH format) if applicable. Include all current and pending funding.
- Budget and Budget Justification
- Sealed letter of Recommendation

- Proposed Budget \$50,000 direct costs/year for two years and Budget Justification
What will the award money be used for, e.g., your salary, salary of a research technician, supplies, etc.
Salary should be expressed as a percent effort (or number of months using the NIH format) in the budget statement rather than a generic statement about salary and/or RA support. See sample budgets at the end of this announcement. Budgets may be modified for the second year. If you have funding from other sources, it is essential to outline these other sources.
- Sealed letter from Department/Division Chief in support of applicant’s career and potential for academic advancement at Children’s. The letter should indicate the percentage of time the candidate will devote to research and whether this percentage will change with this award. If applicant’s research is at an outside laboratory, the Chief must indicate plans to incorporate applicant within department. Applicant must be receiving salary support from BCH or a BCH Foundation OR be a member of the joint BCH/DFCI Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Program. **Additionally, the applicant’s Department Chair/Division Chief must include in his/her letter a commitment to providing 25% of the total direct and indirect costs [\$25,000 plus 20% overhead (\$5,000) over 2 years] should the proposal be awarded.**
- Sealed letter of recommendation from applicant’s research mentor (if different from Department/Division Chief) in support of applicant’s career and “path to independence.”

SAMPLE BUDGETS FOR BASIC SCIENCE AND CLINICAL OR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

OFD Funding is requested for:

Sample Year 1 Budget for Basic Science

	FTE	Calendar Month	Salary	Project Salary	Fringe (29.25%)	Total
PI	0.25	3	\$70,000	\$17,500	\$5,119	\$22,619
Research Asst	0.5	6	\$32,400	\$16,200	\$4,739	\$20,939
Supplies						
Mice						\$4,500
Reagents						\$1,942
					Total	\$50,000

Sample Year 1 Budget for Clinical Research

	FTE	Calendar Month	Salary	Project Salary	Fringe (29.25%)	Total
Research Asst	0.9	10.8	\$32,400	\$29,160	\$8,529	\$37,689
Patient recruitment						\$4,000
Questionnaires 100@ \$15 each						\$1,500
Lab tests						\$2,000
Statistical support						\$2,311
Data entry						\$2,500
					Total	\$50,000

Address questions to Maxine Milstein, 5-2922 or (617) 355-2922, maxine.milstein@childrens.harvard.edu

* Career Development Fellowships follow the general standard adopted by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and also used by HMS: “Underrepresented in medicine means those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population,” and may include individuals who identify themselves as Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, Native American, Alaska Native, Southeast Asian or Pacific Islander. Applicants applying for a URM fellowship should state this on the title page of the application. Please indicate the underrepresented population(s) with which you self-identify.