

## **POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER GRANT Request for Applications**

### **KEY DATES**

**Application Deadline:** November 26, 2018

**Award Notification:** Approximately December 17, 2018 with funding ~ January 1, 2019

### **RESEARCH PROGRAM**

Career development for biomedical postdoctoral researchers at the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center is a priority. In support of this the Office of Research and Graduate Education is providing the following internal grant opportunity to further the research mission of better health by energizing the science of young investigators. To support their research, we recommend and encourage our promising scientists to apply for funding under the guidance of their mentor. This award mechanism is appropriate for postdoctoral investigators who want to significantly advance their research capacity and propel their development and advancement within the research community.

### **BIOMEDICAL GRANT TYPES**

#### **Basic/Translational/Clinical**

Funding is available to support research projects that have a significant potential to reduce the burden of disease. Projects that are laboratory-based or performed in conjunction with a clinician within a focus area are appropriate for this grant mechanism. Importantly, these funds are not intended to supplement the mentor's current support, but rather should be dedicated to an element of the research that is clearly overseen by the postdoctoral fellow.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

- Grants are awarded to Postdoctoral Researchers who have an established HSC mentor.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Changes to the Postdoc/Mentor are not permitted after the submission of an Application or during the term of the grant.

- Must have a doctoral degree when application is submitted.
- Applicants are not required to be U.S. citizens or residents.
- May only submit one application. Applications are nonrenewable.

### **FUNDING INFORMATION**

Applicants may request funding of up to \$10,000 to be used within one year from the time the award is made.

Budget guidelines:

- Awards may not be used to offset salary of the applicant or mentor.
- Equipment costs are not allowed.
- Reasonable travel costs are allowed.
- Training in career or professional development of the applicant is allowed.
- Professional membership dues or subscriptions are not allowed.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Mentor**

The applicant must identify the mentor who is currently providing the research, scientific, clinical, management, and leadership necessary to facilitate the development of the proposed project and career development of the applicant. A letter from the mentor should describe how the work is an independent project, or an independent element of an

established project, that is distinct from currently funded work. Applications that are excerpts from mentor grants will be administratively removed from consideration.

### **Research Plan and Budget**

A clear and concise outline of the hypothesis, specific aims, and the scientific approach that will be taken to address each aim must be provided, along with a statement of the significance of the research. The applicant should address their long-term goals and career milestones. If training in career skills is requested, describe the nature of the career development, e.g., grant-writing and/or collaborative interactions with other experts in the field of study. Justification for budgetary items is required.

### **Application Guidelines**

1. Cover page to include: Title, Applicant name(s), email addresses, department, requested funds
2. Project Summary (300 words)
3. Research Plan describing the project including the significance, aim, and approach (maximum 3 pages)
4. NIH Biosketch of applicant and mentor
5. Budget Justification
6. Statement of Human Subjects Protection if applicable
7. IRB/ACUC must be pending at time of application and approved prior to making funds available
8. CITI training must be complete at time of award
9. Supporting letter from Mentor (as noted in application requirements)
10. Submit PDF applications as one document (saved as LAST NAME\_PDAPilot.pdf) to Ms. Mallory Weaver by close of business on November 26, 2018 at [mallory.weaver@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:mallory.weaver@hsc.wvu.edu).

For any questions related to this funding mechanism please contact Dr. Linda Vona-Davis at [lvdavis@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:lvdavis@hsc.wvu.edu), or 304-293-1280