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Re: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Scholar Awards

Dear Colleague,

Applications are now being solicited for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Scholar Awards in the Department of Medicine. These awards provide competitive funding for research assistant professors and assistant professors with full-time appointments in the Department of Medicine who have significant child care or other family responsibilities that make career advancement particularly challenging.

The Junior Scholar Awards are intended to enable faculty to hire technical research support staff and/or fund protected research time to facilitate their advancement during vulnerable periods in their careers. Support will be provided at \$35,000 per year for two consecutive years. **This year, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation will fund an additional two-year award specifically designated for a faculty member performing clinical research.**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

This award is targeted toward faculty at the assistant professor level whose primary focus is basic or clinical research and who can demonstrate significant extra-professional personal responsibilities that impact their research productivity. Eligible research assistant professors and assistant professors interested in applying should follow the instructions below. Deadline for submission is 5 pm on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Part 1 of the Application:

1. Cover page information is to be submitted online through the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3NMW35H>. The information that will be required includes the following: applicant's name, campus address, campus phone, email, academic title, degree, DOM Division, and the research project title.

### Part 2 of the Application:

*Please note: Items 1 through 4 below are to be submitted in a **single PDF document to: [jsawards@mail.pitt.edu](mailto:jsawards@mail.pitt.edu) by 5 pm on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.***

1. **NIH-style biosketch** (including any current, previous, or pending support with dollar amounts and % effort listed; four pages maximum).
2. **Three-page research proposal** directed towards a general scientifically literate audience. Funds for this award can be used to supplement funds available for an existing research project(s) or to initiate a new research direction. The proposal should clearly state whether this represents an ongoing or a new research path for the applicant.

3. **Letter of support from the applicant's Division Chief** commenting on the applicant's potential for a productive research career and outlining his/her professional responsibilities within the Division/Department.
4. **Statement (two-page limit) from the applicant** describing his/her extra-professional responsibilities and the impact of these personal obligations on his/her career advancement. This statement must also explain specifically how the requested funds will be used to advance the applicant's career within this context and how these funds will enable the applicant to balance the challenge of their competing personal demands.

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of Medicine faculty tasked with making funding decisions based on an evaluation of the applicant's qualifications, potential for a research career, and the scientific merit of the proposal. Importantly, in keeping with the specific intent of this awards program, applications that clearly convey how the funding will confer career benefit while the applicant tends to competing personal demands will be most strongly considered.

## **USE OF FUNDS**

Funds from this award can be used to support staff salaries and research supplies, or to provide protected research time for the principal investigator, and must be expensed within three years of the starting date.

## **QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS AWARD AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please contact Dr. Ora Weisz at [jsawards@mail.pitt.edu](mailto:jsawards@mail.pitt.edu) for additional information regarding applications to this program.

Sincerely,



John J. Reilly Jr, MD