Funding Opportunity

NIH—Pathway to Independence Award (PA-11-197)

Purpose: The primary purpose is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented NIH-supported independent investigators. The program is designed to facilitate a timely transition from a mentored postdoctoral research position to a stable independent research position with independent NIH or other independent research support.

Eligibility: Candidates must have a clinical or research doctorate (PhD, MD, DO, DC, ND, DDS, DMD, DVM, ScD, DNS, PharmD, or equivalent doctoral degrees) and have no more than 5 years of postdoctoral research training at the time of application. Clinicians in a clinical facility position that denotes independence in clinical responsibilities but not in research.

Deadlines: NIH standard dates apply, by 5:00 pm local time.

Support: Award will provide up to 5 years of support consisting of two phases. The initial mentored phase (K99) will provide support for up to 2 years. This phase of mentored support will allow the candidate time to obtain additional training, complete research, publish results, and bridge to an independent research position. During the independent phase (R00), the individual may request up to 3 years of support to conduct research as an independent scientist at an extramural sponsoring institution/organization to which the individual has been recruited, been offered and has accepted a tenure-track full-time assistant professor or equivalent. The support is to allow the individual to continue to work toward establishing his/her own independent research program and prepare an application for a regular research grant support (R01).


V.P. for Research—Incentive Seed Grant

Purpose: The University of Utah Research Foundation will support only new areas of research for a principal investigator(s).

Eligibility: Must be tenure track faculty in residence at the time of the application and be at least .75 FTE or research track faculty of at least .75 FTE with a minimum of a two-year residency, in rank, at the University of Utah.

Deadline: August 15th, 2012 by 5:00 pm.

Submission: Proposals will be submitted using the ERICA system.

Support: Up to $35,000 for one year. Funding is available for salaries and fringe benefits of postdoctoral fellows, students, technicians, and other non-faculty project personnel, technical supplies, equipment and miscellaneous expenses.

To view funding opportunity, https://www.research.utah.edu/funding/seed
Notices from NIH ...

NIH Will Require the Electronic Submission of Appointment Forms and Termination Notices via xTrain for Research Training, Fellowships, Education, and Career Awards

*NOT-OD-10-072*

NIH requires the use of the xTrain Commons module to electronically prepare and submit the PHS 2271 Statement of Appointment form and PHS 416-7 Termination Notice for the following institutional research training, fellowship, education, and career development awards:

- Kirschstein-NRSA undergraduate institutional training grants (T34—appointment forms only)
- Kirschstein-NRSA predoctoral & postdoctoral institutional training grants (T32, T35, T90, TLI1 & TU2)
- Kirschstein-NRSA fellowships (F30, F31, F32, and F33—termination notices only)*
- National Library of Medicine institutional training grants (T15)
- Institutional career development awards (K12, KL2, & KM1)

For all existing trainees, an eRA Commons account is required before a termination notice can be processed. To avoid delays in submitting termination notices, institutions are advised to establish eRA Commons accounts for those individuals before a Notice is due.

After January 1, 2011, paper appointment forms and termination notices for these activities will not be accepted.


NIH Announces Changes to the eRA Commons Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Module to Accommodate Additional Reporting Requirements Required by the 2011 Revised FCOI Regulation

*NOT-OD-12-118*

This notice announces the availability of new features of the FCOI module in the eRA Commons to accommodate the additional reporting requirements required by the 2011 FCOI regulation for grants and cooperative agreements.

Grantees are required to implement the requirements of the 2011 revised regulation on or before August 24, 2012. With the eRA software release on June 15, 2012 and during this interim period, NIH grantees will have to choose between submitting FCOI reports either under the 1995 FCOI regulation or the 2011 revised regulation. The option to submit FCOI reports provided under the 1995 regulation will be available and permitted only through August 23, 2012. Beginning with the compliance date, August 24, 2012, all FCOI reports must be submitted in compliance with the 2011 revised regulation. In addition, the few features of the FCOI module will accommodate the submission of a Mitigation Report when bias is found based on the results of the Retrospective Review.

It is important to note that when an FCOI is submitted for the first time under the 2011 revised regulation in the revised FCOI module, the FCOI report should be submitted as a “new” FCOI report. FCOI reports, for a previously reported FCOI in the revised module, will be submitted each subsequent year during the project’s competitive segment as an “annual” FCOI report. The annual FCOI report will address the status of the financial interest and any changes to the management plan. Annual FCOI reports shall address whether the FCOI is still being managed or explain why the FCOI no longer exists. Annual FCOI reports must be submitted through the eRA Commons FCOI module at the same time as when the Institution is required to submit the annual progress report, including a multi-year funded progress report, or at the time of the extension.

KUDOS—Congratulations!

Internal Awards

PCMCF Early Career Development Award Recipients for Spring 2012

Purpose: To help launch pediatric junior investigators' careers in health and human development. Funding is provided by the Primary Children’s Medical Center Foundation (PCMCF) and managed by the Department of Pediatrics. Awards are based upon scientific merit and the project’s relevance to the current program goals, e.g. basic-, clinical-, and health services research projects that emphasize the scientific investigation relevant to diseases and disorders of infants and children.

-First Year Applicants-

Genetic Modifiers of Infantile Hemangioma
Fredrik Grimmer, MD, Division of Otolaryngology

Tissue Engineering for Microtia Using ECM Biomaterial
Jeremy Meier, MD, Division of Otolaryngology

Drug Therapy in Pregnancy: Simulation to Improve Safety
Catherine Sherwin, PhD, Division of Clinical Pharmacology

Other Funded Awards

Thrasher Research Fund

Darbepoetin Administration in Newborns Undergoing Cooling for Encephalopathy (DANCE)
Mariana Baserga, MD, Division of Neonatology

Society of Family Planning

Mid-Career/Mentor Award For Family Planning
David Turok, MD, Department of OB/GYN

Federal Award

National Institute for Child Health & Human Development

Primary Care after Hospitalization For Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury (K24)
Heather Keenan, MD, PhD, Division of Critical Care

Federal Contract Award

National Institute for Child Health & Human Development

Folic Acid Supplementation and Semen Quality Trial (FASST)
Five year award for $8,556,985
Ahmad Hammoud, MD, Principal Investigator, Department of OB/GYN
Erica Johnstone, MD, Co-Investigator, Department of OB/GYN
Doug Carrell, PhD, Co-Investigator, Department of Surgery
Denise Lamb, Research Nurse Coordinator, Department of OB/GYN