

MGH Call for Preliminary Applications
THE ELLISON MEDICAL FOUNDATION
New Scholar Program in Aging
Deadline: 12:00 noon – December 9, 2010

*MGH is eligible to nominate two candidates from among preliminary applicants. The nominated candidates will prepare a full on-line application for receipt by the Ellison Medical Foundation by **Thursday, February 24, 2011** (11:59 EST). The four-year award is for \$400,000. (It is paid as \$100,000 per year, inclusive of not more than 8% for indirects.)*

*Applications must be e-mailed to ECOR@partners.org. The deadline for preliminary applications is **12:00 noon on December 9, 2010**. For further information, please e-mail ecor@partners.org.*

Eligibility and format for the preliminary application are outlined below. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Description of The Ellison Medical Foundation New Scholar Program in Aging

The objective of The Ellison Medical Foundation New Scholars Program is to support new investigators of outstanding promise in the basic biological sciences relevant to understanding lifespan development processes and age-related diseases and disabilities. The award is intended to provide significant support to new investigators to permit them to become established in the field of aging. The New Scholars Program is by invitation only and MGH may nominate two candidates. The Ellison Medical Foundation was established and is supported by Lawrence J. Ellison to support biomedical research (including basic biology, basic biomedicine and epidemiology) on aging.

For further information, please visit their website: www.ellisonfoundation.org (under Aging Program, New Scholar Awards)

Eligibility

- These awards are intended for investigators who are in the first three (3) years of their research career following their post-doctoral fellowship experience. Nominees must hold regular full time appointments (tenure or non-tenure) on the faculty at MGH as of March 1, 2011 and they must not have been in such an appointment, at the MGH or other institutions, for more than three years as of July 15, 2011 (i.e. the appointment having been made no earlier than July 15, 2008).
- Time spent in clinical internships, post-doctoral training, residencies, or in work toward board certification does not count as part of the three-year limit.
- New scholars may concurrently hold one other career development award from a private source for up to one year. The limitation is with regard to overlap of funding type, even in the absence of scientific overlap. Conflicting career development or new faculty awards include, but are not limited to:
 - American Cancer Society
 - Research Scholar
 - American Diabetes Association - Career Development Award or Junior Faculty Award
 - American Federation for Aging Research - AFAR Research Grant
 - Arnold & Mary Beckman Foundation – Young Investigator Award
 - Brookdale Fellowship
 - Burroughs Wellcome Fund – Career Awards Medical Scientist
 - Dana Foundation – Brain & Immuno-Imaging (Conventional or Cellular Award)
 - Hartford Foundation/Amer. Geriatric Society – Jahnigen Career Development Scholar, Geriatric Health
 - Outcome Scholar, or T.F. Williams Research Scholar
 - Hillblom Foundation – Hillblom Start-Up Grant

- Partnership for Cures/Goldman/Rockefeller Fund -Culpeper Medical Science Scholar
 - Pew Charitable Trust – PEW Scholar Award
 - Rosalind & Arthur Gilbert Foundation/AFAR – New Investigators Award in Alzheimer’s disease
 - Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research – Kimmel Scholar Award
 - Whitehall Foundation – Grants-in-Aid
- Funding from NIH and NSF is allowed.
 - New Scholar Awards will only be made for full four-year term. If a conflicting award is accepted prior to the New Scholar Award, this must be resolved by either declining The Ellison Medical Foundation award or arranging to terminate the conflicting award within one year.

Please visit the foundation website for additional restrictions: www.ellisonfoundation.org

Award Expenditures and Award Notification Date

- Each award will be made for up to \$100,000 per year for a four year period. Funding for years two, three and four is contingent upon submission of an acceptable progress report.
- Acceptable uses for award funds include salary, other personnel, equipment, supplies, resource acquisition and travel.
- The scholar’s salary costs (including fringe benefits) may not exceed \$20,000 per year. Carry-overs in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by the Ellison Foundation Scholars Program Office. Not more than 8% of the total award may be deducted for overhead costs.
- If applicable, approved Human or Animal Use protocols must be current prior to award of funds.
- The award recipients will be notified by July 2011. Depending upon the number of nominations submitted and the qualifications of the nominees, up to 25 scholars will be selected.

Format for MGH Preliminary Applications: (Note -- Incomplete Applications will not be reviewed)

Applications will be reviewed by the ECOR Subcommittee on Review of Research Proposals (SRRP). Preliminary applications must include the following information (# 1-9) – use this as your checklist:

1. Completed Standard Partners Research Proposal Coversheet with original signatures. The form is available at the following address:
http://phsresearchintranet.partners.org/PHS_ResearchMgmt/documents/forms/PartnersResearchProposalCoversheet.pdf
 - Department Contact Name (Grant and/or Business Manager)
 - Immediate Sponsor: ECOR: Preliminary Applications – The Ellison Medical Foundation
 - Proposal Due Date: 12/9/10
 - Originating Sponsor: n/a
 - RFA/RFP/PA No./or cut and paste the Sponsor URL: Leave this box blank
 - Activity Type: Indicate if it is clinical or non-clinical research
 - Agreement Type: Grant
 - Total Project Costs: \$400,000
2. SRRP Review Page, which should list the following:
 - Applicant’s Name, Degree, Department, Division or Unit, Office or laboratory address, telephone and e-mail
 - Academic Rank: List the effective start date of your HMS faculty appointment, including month, day and year
 - Project Title
 - Name, phone number and e-mail address of departmental grant manager
 - Indicate if you have previously applied for this award and list the date
 - List all current and pending research support with total dollar amounts and start & end dates

- Please explain how you meet all of the eligibility requirements for this grant
3. Abstract (not to exceed 250 words, font size no smaller than 11 pt)
 4. Brief Description of Most Significant Research to Date (not to exceed one page)
 5. Research Plan (not to exceed five pages, including graphics and references)
 6. NIH Biosketch
 7. Budget Page outlining four years of support
 8. Letter of support from your Department addressed to the SRRP Review Committee. (Letters from your unit director and/or supervisor cannot be substituted for the letter from your Department Head.)

Submission

- Please submit your application in a pdf file, to the ECOR@partners.org mailbox.
- Deadline: 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

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