

Parkinson's Disease Foundation Mentored Clinical Research Award

Grantor: Parkinson's Disease Foundation

Closes: 3/26/2010

Maximum: \$75,000.00

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Apply by Friday, March 26, 2010

The Mentored Clinical Research Award (MCRA) for new investigators is funded by a grant from the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF) to the Parkinson Study Group (PSG). The grant supports new investigators for a one year project in patient oriented research in Parkinson's disease or other parkinsonian disorders under the mentorship of an experienced investigator. The goal of the award is to provide funding for an investigator who has the potential to become an independent researcher. One award of \$75,000 each will be available for this funding year.

Eligibility & Restrictions

Applicants for the MCRA should be clinicians and scientists who are within five years of having completed formal training. Fellows may apply. Applicants must identify an appropriate mentor or mentors with extensive research experience. Either the applicant or the mentor must be a member of the PSG.

Applying

Proposals for the MCRA should be submitted electronically on or before Friday, March 26, 2010 to be considered for funding. Please note that this is a collaborative fellowship and for this program, applicants cannot use PDF's online grant management system. Instead, applicants should submit an electronic copy of the proposal in Microsoft Word to the PSG to Roseanna.Battista@ctcc.rochester.edu with a cover note that includes the candidate's name and the title of proposal.

Proposals should be hypothesis driven and amenable to completion in a one year time period. The proposal should be directed toward patient oriented research in Parkinson's disease or related parkinsonian disorders.

All applications for this fellowship should include the following elements:

- * The focus of the proposal must relate to an area of importance in the field.
- * A research proposal (5 pages in length) including an abstract, specific aims, background and significance, preliminary studies and experimental designs and methods.
- * A clear description of the educational plan that will be implemented to educate the candidate in development of appropriate research methodology under the direction of the mentor.
- * A statement of the qualification of the mentor(s) to guide the research program

Proposals requirements:

- * An electronic copy of the proposal in Microsoft Word or pdf-format.
- * The candidate's proposal should be formatted according to the guidelines indicated in the "toolkit" available on the PSG website: <http://www.parkinson-study-group.org/PSGToolkit.asp>.
- * However, the research plan itself should not exceed 5 pages. The candidate should also include a 4-page NIH-style biosketch and other support statement for both the applicant and the mentor(s).
- * The proposal should include a statement from the mentor(s) including information on research qualifications. The statement should include the nature of the supervision that will occur during the award period and an agreement to provide mentorship to the candidate for the award period. The mentor must include information on what skills they plan to teach the mentee and how previous fellows they mentored are contributing to Parkinson's research (if applicable).
- * A budget and brief budget justification are required for all funds requested. No indirect costs will be funded.
- * The funding request should not exceed \$75,000.
- * Clinical research proposals need not be pre-approved by institutional IRB, but should include a Human Studies section that addresses concerns pertaining to risk, benefit and consent (not included in the 5 page limit).
- * Revised applications should include an Introduction of not more than one page that describes how the applicant has responded to the reviewers' criticisms.

Review & Decisions

Proposals received within the specified time frame will be reviewed by the PSG Mentoring Committee. Applicants will be notified of the results by May 21, 2010. Funding will begin on July 1, 2010 and continue until June 30, 2011.

Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants will be required to submit a short written summary of progress at six months and at one year after funding and attend the annual PSG meeting to present the results of the research done during their fellowship year. The meeting expense will be supported by the PSG separately from the grant award.

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