Call for Applications

New Extended Deadline—Applications Due: December 13, 2021

Penn/CHOP CAregiver REtention Support (Penn/CHOP CARES) Program

The Penn/CHOP CAregiver REtention Support (Penn/CHOP CARES) Program has been instituted to accelerate the research of junior faculty physician-scientists (men and women) with significant family caregiving responsibilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Typically, family caregiving responsibilities would be childcare, partner care, and/or eldercare, but applicants may make the case for other reasonable family caregiving responsibilities. Applications from women and members of underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- One-year grant awards of $50,000 ($50,000 Award Stipend plus the possibility of additional institutional funds from Penn/CHOP) to be used flexibly by awardees. Funds may be used to support research staff (technician or research coordinator), consultants (e.g. biostatistician), or salary support to reduce clinical obligations.

- Regular meetings with current scholars and senior faculty to foster relationships and facilitate networking

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- Penn/CHOP Physician-Scientists (men and women) (MD, DO, or MD/PhD degree) at the Assistant Professor level (within 10 years of Assistant Professor appointment) on the tenure and clinician-educator (CE) track

- Eligible awardees will have independent research funding (PI on a NIH, other federal agency, or foundation-sponsored grant for a research project or career development) with a minimum of 50% effort allocation to research, but will have not yet successfully competed for R01-level funding.

- Must be conducting original clinical research on a significant biomedical problem, and funds cannot be used to support experiments that utilize non-human animals or any tissues or cells derived from them

- Able to provide a compelling rationale for how funds will accelerate scientific productivity hampered by significant family caregiving responsibilities due to COVID-19
APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Formatting: Arial or Helvetica font, 11 point or larger font size, one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages

- Required application components:
  
  - Cover page
  - Description of currently funded clinical research project (1/2 page maximum)
  - Extraprofessional family caregiving responsibilities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic (1/2 page maximum)
  - Expected impact of Penn/CHOP CARES award to accelerate research progress (1/2 page maximum)
  - NIH Biosketch (5 page maximum)
  - Other Support (all current and pending research support)

- All materials should be compiled into a single PDF and submitted as an attachment to Susan Primavera at sprimave@pennmedicine.upenn.edu by 4 pm on December 13, 2021

- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of senior faculty who are clinical researchers. Applicants will be notified of outcomes by email.

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