NSA Scholars Program Details - 2020

Guiding Principles

- NSA Scholars will be highly promising new researchers who have demonstrated considerable potential for success during their research training.

- Awards will be limited to researchers who, at the time of application, are within the first three years of their first faculty appointment as independent investigators following completion of formal research training or postdoctoral fellowships.

- NSA Scholars will be involved in innovative, emerging, and important new areas of research in the broad field of pulmonary science and medicine. It is anticipated that Scholars may be working with colleagues who share complementary research interests, but the Scholar will be expected to add a distinctly new direction or innovative dimension to the group in an emerging area of importance.

- Funding from the NSA may be used for salary of the NSA Scholar, research equipment, and research operating expenses. The award may be held concurrently with other salary support awards, but the amount of the NSA award applied to the Scholar’s salary (maximum of $100,000 per year) should be such that the total salary is limited to the appropriate range established by the institution in which the Scholar holds an appointment.

- It is expected that during the course of an NSA award (of up to five years), the Scholar will capture research grants from traditional funding agencies, and that the project becomes self-sustaining by the end of the NSA funding period.

- Renewal of NSA funding beyond the initial award will not be considered

Application Process

Applications for NSA Scholar awards should include:

- The curriculum vitae of the applicant, including a description of research training and accomplishments, publications and awards, but not including abstracts or speaking engagements.

- A brief description (of 3-5 pages) of the applicant’s proposed field of research that emphasizes the innovative, emerging nature of the project, its potential importance, and timeliness. A detailed review of the literature and detailed research methods and techniques are not required.

- A budget that outlines the use of the funds (up to $200,000 per year, for five years).

- A letter from the applicant’s university department chair or dean, or hospital department head that describes how the applicant’s proposed research aligns with the overall research priorities and strengths of the department and with the research focus of other members of the department with whom the applicant will be working. The new emerging science of the applicant’s research focus should be described. The letter should also confirm the department head’s or dean’s approval of the proposed budget.
Two letters of reference from former research supervisors or research colleagues.

Applications should be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer (contact information below) in the Fall of a year when the competition is being held. The deadline is on the web site. The Board usually considers the applications at its annual meeting the following spring, after internal and external peer reviews. All applicants are notified by email after that meeting. Funding for successful applicants usually begins in the summer.

Applications should be accompanied by the application form which is on our web site. They must be submitted electronically, using the form on the website (if you have problems, email the Secretary-Treasurer at the address below). Acknowledgements will be emailed to applicants the week following the deadline.

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