

This is **NOT** a Limited Submission Opportunity (LSO); the LSP is serving as central coordinator to select final awardees on behalf of this foundation.

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**WHAT:** UCSF Hellman Fellows Program, funded by the Hellman Fellows Fund  
(<http://www.hellmanfellows.org/>) (<http://evcprovost.ucsf.edu/ucsf-hellman-fellowship-program>)

**NOTE:**

There is no limit on how many applications may be reviewed. This opportunity is available exclusively for early career UCSF faculty. LSP will be coordinating the review and selection process of six to nine awardees.

**PURPOSE:**

- To provide short-term support for outstanding faculty at the assistant professor level whose work shows originality and promise of distinction  
To assist promising junior faculty who face challenges in advancing their work to the level of career development and eventual independence.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- **Assistant professors** in tenure-track, In Residence, Clinical X, Health Sciences or Adjunct series who have made substantial progress in their research and demonstrated creativity, whose work needs further development to attract other support
- Awards can be made for basic, clinical or translational research
- Special preference will be given to those who face challenges in obtaining independent funding (e.g. research that takes longer to become established because of its complexity or innovation, or the demands of clinical practice)
- **Please note:**
  - The awards are specifically directed toward promising faculty who are two or three years into their appointment
  - **The Hellman Fellowship will no longer consider difficult personal or family circumstances such as illness or unusual child-care responsibilities as special preferences for consideration**
  - It is expected that the Fellowship will contribute substantially to the conduct of the research by the recipient. Preference in allocation of Fellowships shall be given to assistant professors who are not recipients of other young investigator awards, career development awards, or substantial start-up funds.
  - Awarded funds may not be used to replace *state-funded* faculty salary, but may be used to replace other salary support or the salary of employees (e.g., research staff)
  - Applicants from the Department of Family and Community Medicine are particularly encouraged to apply.
  - The Hellman Fellows Fund intends these Fellowships as **one-time awards**. Anyone who has previously been awarded a Hellman Fellowship or is a current awardee may not apply again.

**BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:**

- \$25,000 - \$70,000, depending on the number of awards made
  - Most awards are made at \$50,000
  - Budget requests in excess of \$50,000 will require additional justification
- Award Start Date: July 1, 2017
  - Monies are to be spent within two years from the date of Fellowship award

**DUE DATE:**

- Internal Due Date: 10am, Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **Please note this is a hard deadline.**
- Awardees Informed: Week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Submit the following in ONE PDF file by 10am, March 27, 2017, to: [limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu)**

1. Limited Submission Proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. Project Summary addressing the aims of the project, broad strategy to be followed, and potential contribution to the field (4-pg. max., including references). Please indicate how your research demonstrates the following:
  - a. Significance
  - b. Innovation
  - c. Contribution to career advancement , including why funding is needed prior to attracting other support
3. Statement of Special Challenges in Obtaining Funding (1-pg., max.)
4. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications)  
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch-blankformat-Forms-D.docx>)
5. Budget for project period (use PHS398 Form 4)  
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.doc>)
  - a. This **need not be a detailed budget** and should only recite the principal elements of proposed expenditures
  - b. Fellowships cannot be used to replace state-funded salaries or state-funded resources otherwise provided by the administration to recruit or retain faculty
6. Budget justification (applicable to all applications)
  - a. Budget requests in excess of \$50,000 will require additional justification describing the special circumstances related to research (e.g., unusual travel expenses, need for equipment, etc.)
7. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members
8. List of Current and Pending Support (amounts and sources), including a clear description of start-up package

**Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed.**

**Review Criteria:**

1. Significance: Does the research proposal address an important and distinctive issue in research, medical education, clinical practice, or community engagement?
2. Investigator: Will the project further the applicant's career development and faculty advancement?
  - a. Does the proposed project fit within a coherent professional development plan for the applicant?
  - b. Is the project likely to result in tangible, scholarly products (articles, new curricula, changes in clinical or educational practices, etc.)?

3. Need/impact on UCSF career: Would a Hellman award have unique strategic impact on advancing the applicant's career?
4. Approach: Is the plan for conducting the proposed project logical, well described, and feasible?
5. Special circumstances: Does the applicant have special circumstances? Factors to consider in scoring special circumstances are whether the applicant's scholarly program faces particular challenges because of its complexity, innovation, focus on disadvantaged populations, or other issues.

*Sent by Lisa Howard, on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submission Program (LSP)*