

UCSF May Submit 5 Applications

Internal Deadline: 11:59 PM, Monday, September 25, 2023

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WHAT: Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award (<https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/clinical-investigator/forms>)

PURPOSE:

- To support independent young physician-scientists conducting disease-oriented research that demonstrates a high level of innovation and creativity, in order to increase the number of physicians capable of moving seamlessly between the laboratory and the patient's bedside in search of breakthrough treatments.
- To support outstanding young physician-scientists doing work aimed at improving the practice of cancer medicine, by providing them with the resources and training structure essential to becoming successful clinical investigators.
- The Clinical Investigator Award responds to three recognized realities:
 - Though there has never been a more pressing need or more promising time for clinical cancer research, fewer young physicians enter this area of investigation every year.
 - The number of institutions committed to training young physicians in the scientific discipline and methodologies of clinical investigation is critically low.
 - The burden of medical school debt (averaging over \$100,000) discourages many physicians from pursuing clinical investigation.
- Clinical research supported will include:
 - Patient-oriented research: Research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens, and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects. This area of research includes: patient-based studies of mechanisms of human disease, diagnostic and therapeutic interventions, clinical trials and development of new technologies for the detection, treatment and prevention of human cancers.
 - Epidemiologic and behavioral studies.
 - Outcomes research and health services research.
- Preference will be given to research that adheres to the "Handshake Rule," meaning that the physician will conduct research studies that directly involve patients.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant **must**:
 - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident.
 - Hold an independent assistant professor position or equivalent full faculty appointment and be within the first five (5) years of their initial full faculty appointment (Cut-off date: July 1, 2019). Adjunct or acting positions are not eligible.
 - Have received an MD, DO, or MD/PhD degree(s) from an accredited institution, completed subspecialty training and be U.S. Board eligible.

- Hold a valid, active U.S. medical license at the time of application.
- Commit to spending 80% of their time conducting research.
- Applicant must **not**:
 - Have an active or awarded R01 or R01-equivalent grant at the time of application.
 - Hold any other physician-scientist mentored career development award from a private (non-federal) source.
 - Have applied for this award more than twice before.
- Each applicant is required to apply in conjunction with a Mentor who is established in the field of clinical translational cancer research, cancer prevention and/or epidemiology and can provide the critical guidance needed during the period of the award.
 - No more than two Damon Runyon Clinical Investigators will be funded to work with the same Mentor at any given time.
 - Only one application will be accepted from a Mentor per review session (including Co-Mentorships).

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:

- Award Budget: \$200,000 direct costs per year
 - Indirect costs not allowed.
- Project Period: 3 years
- The Foundation will also retire up to \$100,000 of any medical school debt still owed by the awardee.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 5

DUE DATES:

- **Internal: 11:59 PM**, Monday, September 25, 2023. If more than 5 applicants submit an LOI, an additional pre-application will be due Tuesday, October 17, 2023.
- **Pls submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.**
- Sponsor: Thursday, February 01, 2024.

Submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) by 11:59 PM, September 25th, to:
limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

To qualify for UCSF Limited Submission Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.

The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.

For information on all current LSOs, please visit: <http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp>.

Sent by Connie D’Aura on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submission Program (LSP).