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## **DDCF Creates Doris Duke Physician Scientist Fellowship**

A Newly Created Program to Support the Extension of Clinical Research by  
Subspecialty Fellows Will Open for Application in April 2019.

**New York, N.Y., March 12, 2019** – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) today announced the creation of the [Doris Duke Physician Scientist Fellowship](#), an inaugural program which will open for application in April 2019 to clinical investigators currently engaged in subspecialty training. Through the Physician Scientist Fellowship, DDCF will aim to encourage emerging physician scientists to pursue careers in clinical research and hopes to promote their transition into faculty-level positions.

“We have designed the Physician Scientist Fellowship to offer support at a critical stage in the clinical research career pipeline: the period between residency and early faculty called ‘fellowship,’” said Betsy Myers, program director for medical research at DDCF. “In our surveys of clinician investigators in the early faculty phase of their careers, a substantial number of respondents expressed that increased protected time for research and financial support for an additional year or two of research beyond what was required by their fellowships would have greatly helped them during training. Given the low number of funding sources for researchers at the fellowship stage, we look forward to launching this program to meet what the field has voiced as an important need.”

Recipients of the Physician Scientist Fellowship will be chosen through a competitive, peer-review process by an external expert panel of scientists. Each selected fellow will work under the supervision of a mentor who will guide them toward successful biomedical research careers. Eligible applicants may request one or two years of support at \$110,000 per year, depending on their individual needs. Physician Scientist Fellowship grants will start on September 1, 2019.

To receive updates from DDCF’s Medical Research Program on the Physician Scientist Fellowship and other funding opportunities, including the announcement when the fellowship application site opens, subscribe to the foundation’s [Medical Research Program Mailing List](#).

### **About the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**

The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is to improve the quality of people’s lives through grants supporting the performing arts, environmental conservation, child well-being and medical research, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke’s properties. The foundation’s Medical Research Program supports clinical research that advances the translation of biomedical discoveries into new preventions, diagnoses and treatments for human diseases. Since 1998, the foundation has funded grants to support the clinical research career pipeline. The best known of these programs is the Clinical Scientist Development Award, which has to date provided more than \$136 million in clinical research support to physician scientists between one and five years into their first faculty appointments. To learn more, visit [www.ddcf.org](http://www.ddcf.org).