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DDCF Launches Doris Duke Physician Scientist Fellowship

A Newly Created Program to Support the Extension of Clinical Research by Subspecialty Fellows Opens for Applications

New York, April 12, 2019 – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) today announced the launch of the new [Doris Duke Physician Scientist Fellowship](#) program, which is now open for application to clinical investigators at the subspecialty fellow stage of their careers. Through the Physician Scientist Fellowship, DDCF aims to encourage emerging physician scientists to pursue careers in clinical research and hopes to promote their transition into faculty-level positions.

The Physician Scientist Fellowship will provide support to clinical researchers during the period between residency and early faculty called “fellowship.” While fellows training in fields such as cardiology, hematology, infectious diseases and oncology typically receive funding from their departments for a year of required research, there are few opportunities to obtain external support for their research during this phase. After conducting substantial research into the needs of the field, DDCF has designed the Physician Scientist Fellowship to enable these budding physician scientists to hone their research skills and pursue scientific investigations that result in contributions to patient care.

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.

To read view the full request for proposals for the Physician Scientist Fellowship, visit www.physicianscientistfellowship.org.

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.