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Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Announces International Clinical Research Fellowships for Medical Students

New York, N.Y., October 4, 2012 – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) announced today that it will award \$5.2 million in grants to six U.S.-based institutions to offer International Clinical Research Fellowships (ICRF) to medical students.

The goal of ICRF is to encourage medical students to pursue clinical research careers by exposing them to exciting research opportunities in developing countries. Each institution will offer three fellowships per year over four years beginning in the summer of 2013. Students participating in the ICRF program will take a year out from medical school to conduct clinical research abroad under the direction of a mentor working in global health, as well as complete related coursework.

The following institutions will offer Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellowships:

- Duke University School of Medicine and Duke Global Health Institute
- Harvard Medical School
- University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine
- University of Minnesota School of Medicine
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine
- Yale University School of Medicine

The application process for the 2013-2014 fellowship year begins in November, and applications are due January 15, 2013. Students may be matriculated at any U.S.-based medical school to be eligible for the ICRF.

“We look forward to working with these institutions to give medical students the unique opportunity to participate in an outstanding clinical research project in a low or middle-income country. Our hope is that this experience will motivate students to become the next generation of doctors conducting research in global health,” said Betsy Myers, Program Director for Medical Research.

About the Medical Research Program

Since 1998, the foundation's Medical Research Program has committed approximately \$259 million to strengthen and support clinical research that advances the translation of biomedical discoveries into new treatments, preventions and cures for human diseases. To learn more about the program or to sign up to receive competition announcements, visit www.ddcf.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, medical research and the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties.

About Doris Duke on the Centenary of Her Birth

Born on November 22, 1912 in New York City, Doris Duke was the only child of John Buchanan (J.B.) Duke, a founder of the American Tobacco Company and Duke Energy Company. When J.B. Duke died in 1925, he divided his fortune between Doris, who was then only 12 years old, and the Duke Endowment. Intelligent, adventurous, and independent, Doris Duke used her wealth to pursue her many interests, which included the arts, historic preservation and environmental conservation, and to fund a variety of public causes, including medical research and child welfare. When she was just 21, she established a foundation called Independent Aid through which she gave away the equivalent of hundreds of millions in today's dollars—often as anonymous contributions. As a lifelong philanthropist, she was a frequent supporter of hospitals and research centers as well as an early funder of AIDS research. At age 56, she also established the Newport Restoration Foundation (NRF) to save the rapidly disappearing 18th-century architecture in Newport, Rhode Island. Finally, through her will, she established her ongoing legacy by calling for the creation of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF), which has to date awarded more than \$1 billion in grants. (www.ddcf.org)