



Announcing the 2011 Starker Fellowship for White Matter & Neurodegenerative Disease Clinical Research Request for Applicants

Application Deadline: April 1, 2011

Jacob's Cure is pleased to announce a two-year Clinical Research Training Fellowship to support research into the cause, treatment, or cure of white matter or neurodegenerative disease. The fellowship is designed to support the development and training of new independent investigators.

The award will consist of a commitment of **\$49,500** per year for two years to support salary and/or research costs.

Eligibility

The fellowship is open to investigators interested in academic careers in research who can demonstrate their intent to conduct novel clinical research in white matter or neurodegenerative disease while working in a mentored environment. Preference will be given to neurologists/clinicians (MD, DO, PhDs) who can demonstrate the support of a seasoned mentor and research institution. PhD candidates conducting research will also be considered. While clinical research questions are preferred, all proposals of extraordinary significance to the field of white matter or neurodegenerative disease research are sought and will be considered. Supplementation of this grant with other awards or by the sponsor institution is permissible. To be eligible to apply, candidates must work in a US Institution and must be a legal residents of the US (US citizenship is not required.)

Materials for Application

Please submit one copy of all of the following materials required for application for the Starker Fellowship for White Matter Disease Clinical Research:

- ◆ A letter of intent from the applicant to pursue a two-year program indicating the specific research focus, the proposed mentor and sponsor institution, and the applicant's future goals.
- ◆ A five-page research proposal including a brief statement of specific aims (1 page), background and significance (1 page), and research design and methodology (3 pages.) The research plan should be written by the applicant and should represent his/her original work. However, the applicant is expected and encouraged to develop this plan based on extensive discussion and the support of the proposed mentor. It is entirely appropriate for the proposed work to be highly related to the mentor's ongoing research.
- ◆ Copy of the current curriculum vitae. The applicant must have completed residency and/or postdoctoral training within five years of the award start date.
- ◆ The proposed mentor must provide a letter detailing his/her support of and commitment to the applicant and to the proposed research and training program. The program should be tailored to the unique qualifications of the applicant. It should specifically indicate the role to be played by the mentor in the development and preparation of the research plan and how this plan fits into his/her own research program. The mentor should describe his/her expertise and experience in the area of research proposed and the nature of his/her proposed commitment of time to the supervision and training of the applicant. The mentor should outline his/her prior experience in the supervision, training, and successful mentoring of clinical scientists.

- ◆ Budget Instructions (detailed budget PHS 398 form revised 5/10). The Starker Fellowship award is for 2 years of \$49,500 each. The basic stipend may be up to \$45,000. No indirect costs are allowed.
- ◆ A listing of the applicant's and mentor's current and pending support, using NIH biographical sketch (PHS 398 revised 5/10) format.

Evaluation and Selection

Applications are evaluated by the Jacob's Cure Scientific Advisory Board. Evaluations will be based upon the following criteria:

- ◆ The originality and quality of the research plan
- ◆ The applicant's ability and promise as a clinician scientist as revealed by his/her previous training and career plan, letters of reference, and curriculum vitae
- ◆ The quality and nature of the training to be provided, and the institutional, departmental, and mentor-specific environment in which these will occur.

Annual and Final Progress Report

The annual progress report is due in **May** of the first year of the award. The final research report and the final expenditure report from the sponsor institution are due within 60 days following the close of the grant term. Additionally, grantee will be expected to attend the Jacob's Cure Research Summit (held bi-annually) to present his/her progress report. (Summit travel & lodging expenses will be covered by Jacob's Cure.)

Deadline and Address

All applications and supporting materials must be received by April 1, 2011. Results of the evaluation and selection process will be shared with applicants in May and grantee will be expected to attend summit June 3-5.

QUESTIONS AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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This announcement is also available at <http://www.jacobscore.org/fellowship>

Notice Regarding the NIH Loan Repayment Program

The NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP) includes investigators conducting research for a nonprofit foundation. Applicants to the Starker Fellowship for White Matter Disease Clinical Research may be eligible for this program and are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit the LRP website at www.lrp.nih.gov.

Clinical research is defined as "patient-oriented clinical research conducted with human subjects or research on the causes and consequences of disease in human populations involving material of human origin for which an investigator or colleague directly interacts with human subjects in an outpatient or inpatient setting to clarify a problem in human physiology, pathophysiology, or disease. This area of research includes epidemiologic or behavioral studies, clinical trials, studies of the mechanism of human disease, the development of new technologies and health services and outcomes research."