PEDIATRIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES SOCIETY

Fellowship Award Application for 2017-2019

Instructions

Goals: The goal of the Fellowship Award is to help increase the pool of highly trained pediatric infectious disease clinician scientists and to stimulate scholarly basic and clinical research in the following areas pertinent to pediatrics: public health/epidemiology, hospital epidemiology, clinical trials of antimicrobials, outcomes research, pharmacokinetics, pathophysiology, molecular pathogenesis, research related to vaccine development, and other topics of relevance to pediatric infectious diseases.

Eligibility: Candidates must possess a MD or MD/PhD and be at least a first-year fellow in a Pediatric Infectious Diseases program in North America at the time of application. The fellow and at least one mentor must be members of PIDS.

The award offering depends on the stage of training and career plans of the applicants. During the PIDS Fellowship, the applicant is expected to devote the major portion of time (approximately 75%) conducting the research project under the direct supervision of a mentor who must be a PIDS member.

The awards will fund research in areas of public health/epidemiology, hospital epidemiology, clinical trials of antimicrobials, outcomes research, pharmacokinetics, pathophysiology, molecular pathogenesis, and vaccinology. New, this year, is funding for research related to congenital infections supported by the National CMV Foundation.

Support: The annual stipend will be given for two years, subject to review at the end of the first year. In case the award is given to a candidate in the final year of fellowship, only year one of the award will be given to the recipient. The stipend is intended to provide salary and benefits for the fellow. It is not intended to provide resources for a division's research program and indirect costs are not allowable.

Application and Selection Process: The completed application form (attached) and supporting documents should be assembled as a single PDF file and transmitted by email to Christy Phillips (pids@idsociety.org).

Application must strictly adhere to the instructions and applications or supporting documents received after the deadline date will not be considered.

Each application will be reviewed by the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Fellowship Awards Committee (see Review Criteria). Awards will be announced at the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Awards Program and Reception, held in conjunction with the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting. The recipient and the mentor should be present to accept the award.

Progress Report: A progress report must be prepared by recipients of the 2017 Fellowship Award and submitted by April 1, 2018, in order to receive the second year of funding commencing July 1 of that year. The report should detail results accomplished to that date, any obstacles encountered, and necessary alterations in the original research plan, as well as, a discussion about the prospects for completion of the project in the two years enabled by the award. Publications (submitted or
and presentations to scientific meetings should also be submitted. The report will also be sent by PIDS to the pharmaceutical companies sponsoring the fellow's award.

**Final Report:** At completion of the two-year funding period, the fellow must furnish a progress report, using the format of the NIH (PHS 2590), that includes a written summary of the research accomplished, the analyzed and tabulated data, and the conclusions and possible implications. Publications resulting from the project should accompany this submission. The report should be sent to the PIDS office before the end of the award.

**Acknowledgement:** The recipient of the Fellowship Award must acknowledge the pharmaceutical company or other sponsor in any publication(s) that results from the research enabled by the award. Specific acknowledgement wording will be provided in the award letter.

**Review Criteria:** The Fellowship Awards Committee will address and consider each of the following criteria in assigning the application’s overall score, weighing them equally for each application.

- **Applicant**
- **Mentor/Environment**
- **Research Plan**
- **Potential for success as an investigator in the field of pediatric infectious disease**

**Applicant**
- Quality of the applicant’s academic and clinical record
- Educational and training background
- Honors and awards
- Research experience
- Commitment to becoming an independent pediatric infectious disease investigator
- Letters of reference

**Mentor / Environment**
- Appropriateness of the mentor’s research qualifications in the area of the proposed research
- History of research productivity and peer-reviewed support
- Mentor’s previous experience in fostering the development of independent investigators
- Mentors’ proposed role(s) in providing guidance and advice to the applicant
- Institutional commitment to ensure that a minimum of 75% of the applicant’s effort will be devoted directly to the research project
- Adequacy of research facilities and training opportunities
- The environment for the scientific and professional development of the candidate

**Research Plan**
- Significance
- Originality / innovation
- Design
- Appropriate use of laboratory technique and/or patient population

**Potential for Success as a Pediatric Infectious Disease Investigator**
- Likelihood that the applicant will become a successful pediatric infectious disease investigator and contribute to training of the future generation.