A recent survey assessed the career paths and success of prior awardees of the PIDS Fellowship and PIDS-St. Jude Fellowship Awards.

The survey was sent to 63 awardees (33 women [52%] and 30 men [48%]). There were 37 responses (60% response rate) from 19 (51%) women and 18 (49%) men.

The PIDS Awards were strong predictors of future funding, as evidenced by an 88% success rate for subsequent National Institutes of Health K applications and 70% for post-K NIH grants (R, P, U) – both much higher than national averages. Many PIDS awardees remaining in academics also garnered subsequent funding from non-federal sources.

The PIDS Awards have also specifically supported women in developing biomedical science careers. There were no sex differences in K application rate or success rate, R application rate or success rate, or publication record.

**How did the PIDS Fellowship Award impact your fellowship and early faculty career?**

- "Was a springboard for further funding post-fellowship"
- "I was much better positioned to obtain a K award"
- "Very impactful, allowed me to pursue independent studies much earlier in my career"
- "I am convinced that this recognition helped me in the process of securing a faculty position"
- "Huge impact – allowed me to also do post fellowship training, which was indispensable"
- "Tremendous impact"
- "It helped immensely when applying for subsequent grants and when searching for a faculty position"
- "Demonstrated that I was capable of getting my work funded"
- "The award facilitates so much more than research productivity!"
- "—Critical"