



UHI ENDOWMENT PROGRAM FACULTY RETENTION



AWARD RELEASE DATE: April 9, 2021

Overview:

A principal strategic goal of Urban Health Institute Program is to significantly increase competitiveness for mainstream federal funding in minority health and health disparities research projects, particularly for diseases that disproportionately affect ethnic groups in the South Central Los Angeles area. To this end, the Faculty Retention Award serves to assist mid-career and senior faculty engaged in minority health and health disparities science.

Key Dates:

LETTER OF INTENT DUE DATE: April 30, 2021 at 5:00 pm PT
APPLICATION DUE DATE: May 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm PT
SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PERIOD: May 28, 2021- June 18, 2021
EARLIEST ANTICIPATED AWARD DATE: June 30, 2021

PURPOSE OF THE RFA

This Research Funding Announcement (RFA) is intended to provide short-term faculty retention funds to highly promising faculty currently underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, social sciences and community health sciences, based on their need and likelihood of ultimately securing independent grant support.

APPLICATION

Eligibility: Faculty members at CDU who have recent scored but unfunded NIH Research Project Grant (R01, R03, R21, SC1) applications, which are being prepared for resubmission, may apply for support from the UHI Endowment Program Faculty Retention Award. In particular, faculty members who do not currently hold an R-series or RPG award or those who have never been a principal investigator on a funded R-series NIH grant are encouraged to apply. Eligible faculty members are limited to only one application in response to an RFA. In all cases, support will be limited to two years. Faculty members who currently serve as principal investigators on NIH R01s or similar grant vehicles or program project grants (P01, P20, P60, U54, or similar) are ineligible to apply.

Funds Available: A total of \$105,000 is available to fund three or more new or competing proposals. An applicant may request a budget with direct costs for up to \$35,000. However, because the nature and scope of the requests will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size of each award will also vary. Continuation of support for a second year will be provided in special instances, on a competitive basis. In all cases, support will be limited to two years. Funds must be primarily used for salary (at least 80% of total award must be allocated towards applicant' salary). Travel or other research infrastructure needs will be accepted if it enhances the competitiveness of a resubmission. Consistent with the NIMHD Endowment Program guidelines, direct funding for the conduct of research is not allowed.

Letter of Intent: A Letter of Intent is mandatory, but is not binding. All applicants must use the Letter of Intent Template (Attached in email) and submit via email to sanaabbasi1@cdrewu.edu.



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Submission Process: All applicants must submit the UHI Endowment Program Emerging Scientist Award application online through MS forms. Click here to access the application. Applicants must also upload the following:

1. Letter of Support from Dean, Unit Lead, Cluster Lead, or Department Chair
2. NIH Biosketch
3. Budget and Justification
4. Copy of the scored R-series NIH grant summary statement on which the application is being based
5. Plan on addressing Summary Statement
6. Timeline for seeking subsequent or supplemental extramural support

Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed. Incomplete applications include those from ineligible faculty and applications deviating from the guidelines.

REVIEW AND FUNDING PRIORITIES

Applications will be reviewed and scored (using a 5 point scale) by the UHI Program Management Team, Internal and External Advisory Boards and other external faculty with subject-matter expertise. In all cases, individuals with conflicts of interest will not be assigned as reviewers. Funding decisions will be based on priority scores with awards being given preferentially to faculty members who are in the the career-academic track and demonstrate urgency of need, high scientific productivity during the prior three years, contributions to CDU, and likelihood that faculty retention support will be leveraged into a fundable R-series resubmission. Continuation of support to faculty who were awarded in a previous funding cycle will depend on their scientific productivity and progress.

Post-Award Requirements. Each recipient of support from the UHI Endowment Program Faculty Retention Award Program will be required to submit quarterly reports and a written summary of research progress to be included in the annual NIH progress report. Each recipient must attend at least 4 professional development workshops per year. Publications arising from support through the UHI Endowment Program Faculty Retention Award Program must conform to the [NIH Public Access Policy](#). This policy, which ensures that the public has access to the published results of NIH-funded research, requires scientists to submit final peer-reviewed journal manuscripts that arise from NIH funds to the digital archive [PubMed Central](#) *upon acceptance for publication*. To help advance science and improve human health, the Policy requires that these papers are accessible to the public on PubMed Central no later than 12 months after publication (<http://publicaccess.nih.gov>). UHI Faculty Retention Award recipients must cite award #S21- MD000103 on all research published and presented.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries concerning this RFA are encouraged. Should you have any questions, please contact:

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