

Call for Applications

Bullock-Wellman Postdoctoral Fellowship

Proposal deadline: 5:00 pm – November 1, 2013

Award decision: December 20, 2013

The Wellman Center for Photomedicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital is pleased to invite applications for the Bullock-Wellman postdoctoral fellowship for research aimed at understanding and solving important biomedical problems. PhD, MD and MD PhD research fellows are eligible for this award.

This multidisciplinary fellowship was created to foster interactions between researchers from diverse fields of science and medicine. Combined mentorship and collaboration between two Harvard Medical School faculty members, at least one of whom is based at the Wellman Center, is required. It is anticipated that the fellow will perform the majority of their research at the Wellman Center.

The Fellowship will provide one year of support. An award of up to \$60,000 **direct costs** is anticipated. The award will be administered by the Wellman Center. Funds may be used for stipend (**minimum effort 60%**), fringe benefits and research supplies. Recipients will be required to submit periodic progress reports, present their work at a noon lecture and submit a final written report.

Criteria for funding are scientific quality, an enabling collaboration, potential medical and scientific impact, and potential for career development of the Fellow.

Eligibility and other award information are provided below.

Eligibility

1. Candidate must be at the postdoctoral training level
2. Candidate must have a primary appointment at the Massachusetts General Hospital or another Harvard affiliate hospital or a department of Harvard Medical School at the time of the proposal and during the entire award period. The award is not transferable. If the awardee leaves MGH or Harvard during the award period the awardee must notify the Wellman Center (contact Susan Weeks, Administrative Director) and will forfeit any remaining funding.
3. Combined mentorship and collaboration between two Harvard Medical School faculty members, at least one who is appointed at the Wellman Center, is required.

Application Guidelines

- The Bullock-Wellman Fellowship Award will support post-doctoral investigators pursuing training in either basic or clinical research. **The award will begin on or about January 1, 2014 and is intended for one year. The project may be extended upon written request for up to a maximum of 18 months. Any remaining funds at the end of the award period will be forfeited.** Bullock-Wellman awards are not transferable to another institution.
- Proposals will be evaluated and ranked for funding priority by an ad-hoc external review committee, whose recommendations will be submitted to the Director of the Wellman Center and the Bullock family for final consideration.
- All of the applicants will be notified of the results via e-mail. Candidates will not be provided with written or oral critiques of their applications.
- If an awardee already has or subsequently receives other fellowship funding, he/she is eligible for the Bullock-Wellman award funds only if allowed by the other sponsor *and* only to the extent that the combined stipend does not exceed the awardees' institutional base salary.

Application Materials

1. Title page, including:
 - Title of research project
 - Applicant's Name, Service or Department/Unit, professional appointment title, office or laboratory address, telephone and fax number, and e-mail address
2. Summary of research project (500 word limit)
3. Research plan (5-page limit) to include:
 - Specific aims
 - Background and significance
 - Preliminary data (if available)
 - Experimental design and methods
 - References
 - Potential scientific and medical impact
4. Budget (NIH format), **minimum effort 60%**.
5. NIH biosketch of the applicant and fellowship supervisors
6. Listing of current and pending support (NIH format)
7. Applicant's description of long-term career plans (1 page limit).
8. Letters of support addressed to Bullock-Wellman Review Committee stating specific commitment from collaborating mentors, and briefly describing how Bullock-Wellman support may affect the fellow's career development.

Submission

Electronic applications should be submitted to:

BullockWellmanFellowship@partners.org

Deadline: No later than 5 pm on November 1, 2013.

Questions can be addressed via e-mail to BullockWellmanFellowship@partners.org

Massachusetts General Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.