Early-stage Clinical Investigators

The Intramural Research Program of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) is looking to recruit up to two early-stage clinical investigators to gain translational and clinical research experience to make them competitive for tenure-track positions at the NIH or elsewhere. We are interested in physicians with prior doctoral or postdoctoral research experience in areas of interest to NICHD. Clinical areas of interest include, but are not limited to, pediatric endocrinology, clinical genetics, biochemical genetics, neurology, and women’s health. Research alignment with basic science currently being conducted in the NICHD intramural research program will help ensure adequate mentorship. Areas of basic science strength in the intramural research program of NICHD include developmental biology, cell and structural biology, genomics and gene regulation and neurosciences (https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/dir). Our objective is to identify individuals with outstanding potential who will be able to develop a combined laboratory and clinic-based translational research program and transition to an independent investigator.

ACIs will be provided with independent resources including a start-up funds, laboratory space, equipment, and a research budget commensurate with the proposed research program and sufficient to foster success. Basic and translational work will be supported by NICHD cores (microscopy, mouse, zebrafish, and sequencing). Clinical research programs will be supported by the NICHD Office of the Clinical Director. Mentorship will be provided by a mentorship committee, a senior basic investigator, and a senior clinical investigator.

The desired candidate must possess a M.D. (or equivalent degree) and additional post-doctoral or clinical research training. Individual must possess a current, active, full, and unrestricted licensed or registration as a Physician from a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States, be board-eligible or board-certified and qualify to be credentialed for patient care by the National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center. We are specifically interested in individuals who have been trained in Genetics, Endocrinology, Neurology, or Women’s Health. The potential to carry out creative, independent work is essential. At least two years of basic laboratory experience is required. Strong preference will be given to individuals with doctoral or postdoctoral research experience.

Applicants must submit a biosketch, a research proposal addressing both clinical and basic science aims (maximum 3 pages), and a one-page proposed mentorship plan. Three letters of reference should be solicited by the applicant and submitted directly to the evaluation committee by those writing the letter.

All application material should be submitted to Dr. Keil @ keilm@cc1.nichd.nih.gov. Questions regarding these positions can be addressed to Dr. Porter @ fdporter@mail.nih.gov. Review of applications will begin on or about January 15, 2021 and applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

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