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Robbins Scholar Awards

In recognition of the vital future role of current trainees and junior faculty in the field of oncology, Winship Cancer Institute is offering a unique research scholar opportunity for selected resident physicians, oncology fellow physicians, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty members within five years of training.

Thanks to a generous gift from Mr. James Kennedy, Winship has established the Robbins Scholar Program in honor of Mr. Kennedy's close friend, Jim Robbins, who lost his battle with cancer. These Robbins Scholar awards will be given to up to four outstanding trainees or junior faculty who are selected by a rigorous peer-review process. All applicants must be nominated by a senior mentor as described below. These scholarships can be used to cover partial salary, laboratory or other research expenses or travel.

These awards will be \$30,000 a year for a total of 2 years. A progress report is expected at the conclusion of the first year with a final report due within 30-days of the conclusion of the second budget year.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for this award mechanism, PIs must meet one of the following criteria:

- Physician (M.D., M.D./Ph.D.) with clinical duties and/or responsibilities within the Emory University School of Medicine/Office of Graduate Medical Education
- Ph.D students in a cancer related discipline within Emory University.
- Ph.D or M.D. Post-Doctoral Trainee at the Emory University School of Medicine
- Ph.D. or M.D. involved with cancer research who completed training less than five years ago

All applicants must submit with an engaged mentor of Associate Professor rank or higher within Emory University

All applicants must have a mentor who is an active member of the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

Key Dates

Letter of Nomination Submitted by mentor on behalf of applicant: May 14, 2010

Invitation to submit application to selected applicants: May 28, 2010

Application receipt date: June 21, 2010

Anticipated Start Date: July 2010

Letter of Nomination from Designated Mentor (two-page limit)

The Letter should describe:

1. Explain the mentor's intent to nominate an applicant with whom he/she has an established mentoring relationship for consideration for a Robbins Scholar award.
2. The applicant's potential for an impactful career in cancer research.
3. The mentor's commitment to the career development and mentorship of the candidate's career as a cancer researcher and/or clinician.
4. The mentor's research experience, committed resources, and level of effort for advising the candidate.
5. The mentor's training achievements, as reflected by his/her previous trainees' career achievements, and the potential for successful training of the candidate in cancer research.
6. The scientific environment including critical professional interaction with established senior research colleagues that will support successful completion of the proposed project and transition the candidate into a career into cancer research and patient care.

In order for a candidate to be invited to apply for this funding opportunity nomination letters should be submitted to the Winship Executive Leadership Committee **no later than 5:00pm on May 14, 2010**. Letter should be signed by the mentor on official letterhead, saved as a PDF and emailed to **Traci Cobbs-Palmer** at tcobbsp@emory.edu or hand deliver to Traci in the Winship Cancer Institute Administrative office, C4014. Please direct any questions you have regarding this funding opportunity to Ms. Cobbs-Palmer.

Format of Application:

1. **Completed Robbins Scholar Application Form**
2. **Cover Letter** from the applicant – describe your career goals and how a Robbins Scholar award would promote your research career development.
3. **Project Narrative (5-page limit)** – describe the proposed project in detail. Specific instructions will be provided upon receiving invitation to apply.
4. **Biosketches** – for Candidate (Mentee) and Mentor
5. **Detailed Budget**
6. **Budget Justification**
7. **Other Support** – for Candidate (Mentee) and Mentor

Funds Available and Allowable Cost:

The intent is to provide partial salary support, travel and expenses and/or research expenses for trainees or junior faculty. Up to four awards will be issued in 2010. Awards will be in the form of \$30,000 a year for two years resulting in a total package of \$60,000. There is a 10% indirect rate on this award.

Review Process:

The nomination stage of this award is intended to identify mentor-mentee pairs which have an established relationship of mentorship. The Executive Committee of Winship along with the Winship Academic Development Committee will rank nominations based on the strength of the mentorship relationship and the career potential of the candidate. The highest rated nominees will then be invited to submit a full application. Applications are scheduled for review in June 2010 by the Winship Academic Development committee. Awards are projected to start July 1, 2010.

Publications and/or Presentations resulting from this research should mention the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University and Robbins Scholar Award.