AGENCY: Burroughs Wellcome Fund

PROGRAM: Burroughs Wellcome Fund-Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease
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OBJECTIVES: The Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease program provides opportunities for assistant professors.

The goal of the program is to provide opportunities for accomplished investigators still early in their careers to study what happens at the points where human and microbial systems connect. The program supports research that sheds light on the fundamentals that affect the outcomes of this encounter: how colonization, infection, commensalism and other relationships play out at levels ranging from molecular interactions to systemic ones.

The program emphasizes research that opens up unexplored areas. Research on under-studied infectious diseases, including pathogenic fungi, protozoan and metazoan diseases, and emerging infections is especially of interest. In addition, excellent animal models of human disease, including work done in veterinary research settings, are within the program’s scope. Interdisciplinary approaches are encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates must have an established record of independent research and hold a tenure-track position as an assistant professor or equivalent (at the time of application) at a degree-granting institution. Researchers recently appointed to a faculty position may not have a demonstrated track record sufficient to compete successfully for this award. Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or Canada at the time of application.

FUNDING INFORMATION: This award provides $500,000 over a period of five years.

INTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS: The full proposal deadline is November 3, 2014. Due to the limited number of application, if you or your colleagues are interested in applying, please submit a letter of intent to Dr. Kenneth Tramposch at ovpr.limitedsubmission@research.buffalo.edu by September 5, 2014. The letter of intent should include a two page description of the proposed project and a NIH-style biosketch.