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AGENCY: Burroughs Wellcome Fund

PROGRAM: Burroughs Wellcome Fund –Career Awards for Medical Scientists.
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OBJECTIVES: The Burroughs Wellcome Fund is committed to fostering the development of the next generation of academic medical scientists. By providing funding to help bridge the gap between the postdoctoral and early faculty years, BWF hopes to bolster the careers of the most promising up and coming scientists. By increasing the number of physician scientists and keeping them in research, BWF believes that this bridging award, supporting the last year(s) of a mentored position in addition to supporting the beginning years of an independent position, will facilitate the transition to a career in research and buy time from service commitments.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS: U.S. or Canadian institutions--including affiliated medical schools, graduate schools, and all related hospitals and research institutes--may nominate up to five candidates. The ideal candidate will be two years away from becoming an independent investigator, have at least two years or more of postdoctoral research experience, and have a significant publication record.

2. Proposals must be in the area of basic biomedical, disease-oriented, or translational research. Proposals in health services research or involving large-scale clinical trials are ineligible.
3. BWF encourages nominations from candidates who work in reproductive science.
4. Candidates must be a fellow, resident, or a postdoctoral researcher and have at least two years of postdoctoral research experience at the time of application.
5. Candidates must not be more than 10 years past their most recent doctorate degree. No exceptions will be made. Candidates with tenure-track appointments as an Instructor or Assistant Professor at the time of application are not eligible.
6. Candidates with a clinical degree not awarded in the U.S. or Canada must be fully licensed to practice in the U.S. or Canada or have completed a residency in the U.S. or Canada within the last 10 calendar years. Candidates who hold a junior faculty appointment (Lecturer, Instructor, Assistant Professor-non tenure track, etc.) may be eligible if they have been in a faculty position for two years or less at the time of application. To meet this requirement, the appointment must have begun no earlier than July 1, 2012.
7. Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada at the time of application. Persons who have applied for permanent resident status but have not received their government documentation by the time of application are not eligible.

8. Candidates must be committed to a full-time career in research as an independent investigator at a North American degree-granting institution.

9. Candidates that have faculty appointments with institutional start-up funds or hold an R01 grant from the NIH are not eligible.

FUNDING INFORMATION: Five-year $700,000 awards for physician-scientists to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. Awards are made to degree-granting institutions in the U.S. or Canada on behalf of the awardee.

INTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS: The full proposal deadline is due October 1, 2014 by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time. Due to the limited number of applications, if you or your colleagues are interested in applying, please submit a letter of intent and a NIH-style biosketch to Dr. Kenneth Tramposch at ovpr.limitedsubmission@research.buffalo.edu by August 15, 2014.