REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The American Diabetes Association Cardiovascular-Metabolic Fellowship Awards, supported by a grant from Pfizer, Inc.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA), through support provided by Pfizer, Inc., is now requesting applications for postdoctoral fellows proposing basic, clinical and translational research focused on cardiovascular disease in the context of diabetes.

Study Design: Applications from postdoctoral research fellows proposing fundamental biological research, mechanistic and outcome-based clinical studies, behavioral research, and epidemiologic research will be accepted. Each investigator must submit an independent research grant application using the American Diabetes Association’s online Grant Management Site.

Deadlines: The ADA Cardiovascular-Metabolic Fellowship Awards application deadline is October 26, 2020, for funding beginning on January 1, 2021.

Scope: The ADA Cardiovascular-Metabolic Fellowship Awards applications are intended to focus on the following areas of investigation:

- Mechanistic studies to examine the pathophysiology of cardiovascular disease in the context of diabetes
- Clinical investigations aimed at defining the optimal therapeutic approaches for addressing cardiovascular risk factors in people with diabetes
- Studies examining the effect of treatment approaches on the progression of cardiovascular disease in people with diabetes
- Strategies for improved care delivery for patients with diabetes and CVD, including the development of improved clinical decision support tools

Support: Fellowship recipients will receive a maximum of $135,000 over two years. The total amount of the award cannot exceed $67,500.00 per year for the support of salary and fringe benefits. Up to 15% of the yearly maximum can be applied to fringe benefits as long as the total does not go over the $67,500.00 maximum. Indirect costs are not permitted with this award.

The Association intends to fund 2 fellowships from The ADA Cardiovascular-Metabolic Fellowship Awards request for applications.

Review Criteria: Applications will be evaluated on originality and degree of scientific rigor in study design; the potential impact of the proposed work on the understanding, treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease and diabetes; relevant experience of the fellow and their commitment to pursuing a diabetes research career; relevant experience and training history of the Mentor; availability of the appropriate facilities and resources.
In addition, clinical and translational projects will be evaluated on the scientific precision and potential clinical impact of the project; the ability of the investigator/site to recruit the patient population; access to, and availability of, data sources, samples and study medications (if applicable); and the specific timeline for progress of enrollment, data analyses and/or other major project milestones. These aspects of the project should be specifically addressed in the application.

**Application procedure:** Application instructions and budget forms are available online at diabetes.org/grants under *Targeted Awards*.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- **Applicant Eligibility:** Applicant must hold a PhD, MD, PharmD, DO or DPM degree or, for other health professionals, the equivalent doctoral-level health- or science-related degree. At the time of award activation, applicants must hold a full time post-graduate research training position (postdoctoral fellow, medical research fellowship, etc.), or the equivalent, at a university, university-affiliated research institution or other non-profit research institution.

- **Role of the Mentor:** While applicants must apply for this award under the guidance of a mentor, it is expected that the proposed research project be independently developed by the applicant (fellow) and that the proposed project provide a distinct research program that the applicant (fellow) can independently pursue. The fellow must remain with the same mentor for the duration of the award and is prohibited from transferring the grant to a new mentor.

- **Institutional Assurances:** The Association requires IRB and IACUC assurances for human and animal subjects, respectively, if these are used in the funded research experiments/protocols. Funded applicants must obtain IRB and/or IACUC approval and submit documentation of approval(s) at one of the following times: 1) at the time of application or 2) just-in-time submission by the start date of the award (November 2020). Award activation is contingent upon submission of proof of approval. If approval(s) are not received by the award start date, the award letter will not be offered and the grant will not be activated until all approvals have been received.

- **Confirmation of Study Drug:** If the proposed research requires drug or drug placebo, the investigator must demonstrate their ability to obtain the needed research supplies by submitting documentation at one of the following times: 1) at the time of application or 2) just-in-time submission by the start date of the award (November 2020). If proof of drug supply availability is not received by the award start date, the award letter will not be offered and the grant will not be activated until confirmation of drug has been received.

- **Association Membership:** Award recipients are required to become members of and/or maintain membership in the Professional Section of the American Diabetes Association for the duration of the award. Membership fees cannot be paid with Association funds. If selected for funding, the PI must submit proof of Association membership prior to award activation.

- **Overlapping Support:** If support for the objectives defined in this specific project is obtained from other sources at any time, any funds awarded by the American Diabetes Association will be withdrawn and the award will be terminated. Any remaining uncommitted funds must be returned.

- **Institutional Transfers:** Recipients may not transfer awards, in whole or in part, between institutions or other person(s) without prior written approval of the American Diabetes Association. Awards in the
process of transferring will be placed on hold and will receive no further payment until all financial and administrative matters have been handled at each respective institution.

- **Funding Acknowledgement:** Acknowledgment of support as “The American Diabetes Association Fellowship Awards, supported by a grant from Pfizer, Inc.” must be made when findings are reported or publicity is given to the work.

Questions about this request for applications should be addressed to: grantquestions@diabetes.org