

## **Jefferson-Pilot Fellowships in Academic Medicine**

### **Description of Fellowships and Guidelines for Nominating Candidates**

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### **Description of the Jefferson-Pilot Fellowships in Academic Medicine**

Through the generosity of the Jefferson-Pilot Corporation, a trust fund has been established within the Medical Foundation for the support of Jefferson-Pilot Fellowships in Academic Medicine at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Jefferson-Pilot Fellows are selected each year. The active term of the Fellowship is four years unless the recipient's position on the faculty is terminated prior to expiration of the Fellowship. The recipient will receive \$20,000 to be paid over a four-year period in equal installments of \$5,000 per year. The award is to be used at the discretion of the recipient for support of his/her scholarly endeavors, and it is not to be used as a supplement to the salary of the recipient or as a substitute for a portion of the salary. Nominations now are being invited for the 2015-2016 Jefferson-Pilot Fellowship.

### **Previous Recipients**

Drs. Eva Anton, Joel Baseman, Phillip Bassford, James E. Bear, Philip Blatt, Sharon Campbell, Williams Cance, Kathleen Caron, Charles Carter, Jr., Frank Church, David Clemmons, Myron Cohen, Jeanette Cook, Giselle Corbie-Smith, Joseph D'Ercole, Blossom Damania, Georgette Dent, Douglas Drossman, Jeffrey Fair, Ronald Falk, John Gilmore, Robert Golden, Lee Graves, Kenney Gray, Thomas Griggs, Joyce Harp, Mark T. Heise, William Henry, Katherine High, James Howard, Jr., Charles Jennette, Larry Johnson, Blair Keagy, Shannon Kenney, Michael Knowles, Jeffrey Kuller, Edward Lawson, David Lee, Yun Li, Edison Liu, Patricia Maness, Edward Miao, Sharon Milgram, Roger Narayan, Terry Noah, Robert Orłowski, Leslie Parise, Charles Perou, Duncan Postma, Herbert Proctor, Dale Ramsden, Lewis Romer, Norman Sharpless, Gene Siegal, Frederick Sparling, Anne Steiner, Alan Stiles, Brian Strahl, Alison Stuebe, Lishan Su, Maureen Su, Manuel Tancer, Joan Taylor, David Threadgill, Jenny Ting, Louis Underwood, Peter Utsinger, Jean-Michel Vos, Yisong Wan, Greg Wang, Zefang Wang, Robert Warren, Monte Willis, Yue Xiong, Wendell Yarbrough, Yanping Zhan

### **Goals**

The aim of the program is to retain promising junior faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. This is accomplished in two ways. First, the recipient of the award, by being named a Jefferson-Pilot Fellow in Academic Medicine, is given public recognition of his/her prior achievements and the School's confidence in his/her future; second, the monetary award allows him/her a degree of freedom to explore new ideas, new ways of teaching students, treating patients, or investigating biological problems that may not be available from other granting agencies.

### **Eligibility**

Any individual, either basic medical scientist or clinical scientist is eligible for nomination for a Jefferson-Pilot Fellowship provided that the **candidate has been a full-time faculty member of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine for at least one year and does not have faculty tenure at the time of appointment as a Jefferson Pilot Fellow.** Preference

will be given to candidates below the rank of Associate Professor, but Associate Professors without tenure are eligible. **This Jefferson Pilot Fellowship has usually been awarded to a faculty member with substantial academic productivity that is within one to two years of his or her tenure decision.**

## **Nominations**

Any full-time faculty member of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, who holds the rank of Associate Professor or higher, (exclusive of members of the Selection Committee) is eligible to submit one nomination each year. **Nominations for 2015-2016 must be submitted on or before June 5, 2015.**

Applicants will be judged by their past performance and future promise. As such, the Committee would like to examine a complete curriculum vitae and letters of support. An important part of the application will be a four-page proposal that should include a description of a *single* research project that will be undertaken or continued during the applicant's tenure as a Jefferson-Pilot Awardee. The proposal should demonstrate the applicant's capacity to formulate a focused research plan.

In addition to the proposal, a short synopsis of the applicant's past research accomplishments should be included, as should a listing of teaching, service, and clinical activities that will be performed or developed during the award period. Specifically, the application should include:

- 1) A curriculum vitae with a complete list of publications;
- 2) A nomination letter from a faculty sponsor **and** a letter of support from the candidate's Chair, if the Chair is not the nominator (One or two more supporting letters from other faculty may be included.);
- 3) A one-page abstract of the research plan including the specific aims of the project;
- 4) A **three-page** research proposal providing the rationale, background, and preliminary data upon which the project is based (a brief section describing the proposed methods of procedure should also indicate how data will be analyzed and interpreted);
- 5) A one-page description of past research accomplishments;
- 6) one-page description of the teaching, clinical, or service activities planned for the next several years; and
- 7) Appendix material limited to *essential* preliminary data and either reprints or the title and abstract page from three relevant articles published by the applicant. Proposals that exceed the recommended page limits will be returned to the applicants. Proposals should be prepared in size 12 font.

The selection committee may request an interview with the candidate if an interview is deemed to be necessary or desirable.

## **Instructions to Nominators**

The person making the nomination should provide a written statement in support of the nomination setting forth his/her reasons for believing that the candidate would be particularly suitable for the award. The nominator may wish to support the nomination by requesting one or two additional faculty members to write letters of recommendation for the candidate. If one of the additional letters of support is **not** from the candidate's Chair, the nominator should obtain a brief statement of support from the Chair.

*Nominations should be submitted electronically as a single PDF via email to [april\\_kollar@med.unc.edu](mailto:april_kollar@med.unc.edu) on or before June 5, 2015.*

### **Expenditure of the Award**

The recipient of a Jefferson-Pilot Fellowship will receive a total of \$20,000 from the trust fund established by the Jefferson-Pilot Corporation within the Medical Foundation, and this sum will be paid over a four-year period in equal installments of \$5,000 per year. The award is to be used at the discretion of the recipient for support of his/her scholarly endeavors. The award cannot be used to supplement the salary of the recipient or to substitute for a portion of that salary. The funds can be used, for example, for the following purposes: purchase of equipment or supplies, support of technical help, travel to scientific meetings or to other institutions, or purchase of reprints of scientific papers. Under special circumstances, the annual funds of the award can be permitted to accrue for expenditures during a single year if this should prove to be advantageous from the standpoint of the research or other scholarly activities of the recipient.

### **Selection**

The Dean will make final appointment of the Jefferson-Pilot Fellows with the advice and recommendation of the Selection Committee:

David G. Kaufman, MD, PhD (Chair)

Bruce Cairns, MD

David Clemmons, MD (Co-chair)

Steve Crews, PhD

Ian Davis MD, PhD

Nancy Raab-Traub, PhD

Linda Van Le, MD