

Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS)

Burroughs Wellcome Fund

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Submission Limitations: Unlimited (*no internal selection process needed*)
Foundation Deadline: **Oct 1, 2020 by 3:00pm EDT**
Website: <https://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/biomedical-sciences/career-awards-medical-scientists>

*Please contact your RAS unit ***and*** Tiffany Worboy to inform them of your intent to submit.*

Opportunity Details:

BWF's Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) is a highly competitive program that provides \$700,000 over five years for physician-scientists (M.D., D.O., D.V.M., D.D.S.), who are committed to an academic career, to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service.

Note: BWF will make up to two additional awards to clinically trained psychiatrists who focus on research at the interface between neuroscience and psychiatry. These proposals must clearly demonstrate evidence of integration of neuroscience and psychiatry in project design.

Eligibility Criteria:

Competitive candidates for the CAMS award will have at least two years of research experience, be two years away from becoming an independent investigator, be a first author on at least one publication in a high impact top-tier journal, and have a significant publication record.

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 not eligible.

Also:

- Candidates must hold an M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., or D.O. degree.
- Candidates must not be more than 13 years past their clinical doctorate degree. To meet this requirement, applicants must have received their clinical doctorate degree on or after January 1, 2007.
- Candidates may hold a junior faculty appointment (Lecturer, Instructor, Assistant Professor-non-tenure track, etc.). **However, candidates with tenure track appointments are not eligible.**
- Candidates that have non-tenure track faculty appointments with institutional start-up funds or hold an NIH R01 or Early Independence Investigator award are not eligible.
- The primary mentor or faculty sponsor of a candidate must hold an appointment at the same accredited, degree-granting institution in the U.S. or Canada as the applicant.
- Candidates must be committed to a full-time career in research as an independent investigator at a North American degree-granting institution.
- Award recipients are required to devote at least 75% of their time to research-related activities.

Budget Terms: The award provides **\$700,000** over a period of five years to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. Indirect costs may not be charged against BWF grants.

Application Process:

1. A proposal consists of data entry fields submitted through the online Internet Grant Application Module (IGAM) plus a single PDF attachment and four (4) confidential letters of support.
2. Proposal Elements (required except where noted):
 - a. Cover Page (template provided)
 - b. Scientific and Lay Abstract (templates provided)
 - c. NIH Biosketch (5-page limit)
 - d. Research Plan (6-page limit)
 - e. Submitted Manuscripts (optional; 3 maximum)
 - f. Bibliography (optional)
 - g. Personal Statement (template provided)
 - h. Confidential Faculty Sponsor or Mentor Letter
 - i. Three Additional Confidential Letters of Support n Signature Page form (template provided)
 - j. Institutional Certification form (template provided)

Please see the following RFP for detailed information about this opportunity:

https://www.bwfund.org/sites/default/files/media/files/grant-programs/BWF_CAMS_RFP_2021.pdf