

## ***Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease (PATH)***

Burroughs Wellcome Fund

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**Submission Limitations:** Unlimited (*no internal selection process needed*)  
**Foundation Deadline:** **July 16, 2021** by 12 p.m. EST  
**Website:** <https://www.bwfund.org/funding-opportunities/infectious-diseases/investigators-in-the-pathogenesis-of-infectious-disease/>

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

**Opportunity Details:** The Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease program provides opportunities for assistant professors to bring multidisciplinary approaches to the study of human infectious diseases.

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 the systems of humans and potentially infectious agents connect.

The program supports research that sheds light on the fundamentals that affect the outcomes of these encounters: how colonization, infection, commensalism and other relationships play out at levels ranging from molecular interactions to systemic ones.

**Eligibility Criteria:** The PATH program provides opportunities for **assistant professors** to bring multidisciplinary approaches to the study of human infectious diseases.

- The ideal candidate is an accomplished investigator at the mid-to-late assistant professor level with an established record of independent research in a tenure-track position.
- Candidates who will be promoted to Associate Professor by November 15, 2021 are not eligible to apply.
- Microbiome-related proposals must be infectious disease-focused to compete well in this program.
- BWF encourages submissions from those working in protozoan and metazoan parasites, protists, and fungi. Viral, bacterial, immune, and multi-species work is likewise encouraged. Work related to malaria, tuberculosis, and AIDs is appropriate for this program.
- BWF encourages submissions focusing on climate change and its impact on the pathogenesis of infectious disease and human health.

**Budget Terms:** The award provides **\$500,000** over a period of five years. Indirect costs may not be charged against BWF grants.

**Application Process:** Applying for this award is a two-stage process:

1. **Pre-proposals:** Interested candidates who meet the eligibility criteria may submit one [online pre-proposal](#) through BWF's Internet Grant Application Module (IGAM) July 16, 2021 by 12 p.m. EST.
2. Though the pre-proposal is short, it should be well thought out and prepared with care: only a fraction of those submitting pre-proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal.
3. **Full proposals.** Submission of full proposals will be by invitation only after review of pre-proposals. By October 1, 2021, those who make it to the next round will be invited to submit a full research proposal.

Applicants are always encouraged to contact the program officer directly about their planned proposal, their competitiveness for the award, or other questions. The senior program officer, Victoria McGovern, Ph.D., can be reached at [vmcgovern@bwfund.org](mailto:vmcgovern@bwfund.org) or 919-991-5112.