

## The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation: 2021 Physician Scientist Fellowship

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**Links:** **DDCF Site:** <https://www.ddcf.org/what-we-fund/medical-research/goals-and-strategies/encourage-and-develop-clinical-research-careers/physician-scientist-fellowship/>

**RFA:** <https://www.ddcf.org/globalassets/medicalresearch/psf/2021-psf/2021-psf-rfa.pdf?id=6707>

**Foundation Deadlines:** **Applications due January 5, 2021, 3 pm ET**

Notice of Award Early April 2021

Award Start Date July 1, 2021

**Please contact your RAS unit \*and\* Jessica McDaniel (jessica.mcdaniel@emory.edu) to inform them of your intent to submit.**

**Submission Limitations:** None (*No internal selection process needed*)

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### **Purpose**

Physician scientists lend vital expertise to biomedical research through their training as both clinicians and researchers. The Physician Scientist Fellowship (PSF) award aims to support research during the final years of subspecialty fellowship and aid in the transition into an academic faculty appointment. The specific goals of the PSF program are to: 1) support physician scientists in subspecialty fellowship to conduct an outstanding clinical research project; 2) ensure research time protection to enable development of research skills; and 3) facilitate strong mentorship relations.

### **Rationale & History**

Physician scientists play a unique role in scientific discovery and advancement and must undergo extensive training towards successful careers in biomedical research. The Medical Research Program of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) created the Physician Scientist Fellowship to provide subspecialty fellows with the opportunity to conduct additional years of research to enhance their skills and knowledge as a clinician investigator.

### **Award Details**

The 2021 Physician Scientist Fellowship consists of \$100,000 direct costs plus \$10,000 (10 percent) indirect costs each year for two years. The award project period will begin on July 1, 2021. DDCF expects to fund about ten proposals in 2021. The priority of the PSF award is to fund candidates with promise for strong research careers. DDCF does not have funding priorities based on disease area or research type.

**\*\*\*DDCF strongly encourages individuals from groups underrepresented in biomedical research to apply** because DDCF is committed to the retention and advancement of early career physician scientists who are conducting seminal clinical research and who belong to populations whose exclusion from research based on their race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or lack of resources has resulted in underrepresentation in the workforce. See RFA for more information.

**Please refer to the [RFA link for Eligibility Criteria](#).**

***In keeping with the wishes expressed in Doris Duke's will, experiments that use animals or primary tissues derived from animals will not be supported by this program.***