

# Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists at Indiana University School of Medicine

ELECTRONIC RECEIPT DATE

**Application Submission: December 16, 2021**

*Please note that you will be submitting through the Indiana CTSI's grants management software WebCAMP.*

*The WebCAMP user's guide is available under the funding announcement here:*  
<https://indianactsi.org/translational-research-development/open-funding-opportunities/>

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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Overview.** The Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists (FRCS) grant program, funded through the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the John Templeton Foundation, will provide financial support to help early career physician-scientists who have experienced disruptions in their research programs due to the need for enhanced caregiving activities during the pandemic. The program will exist for two years – with funds to support 7-10 awards each year.

**Funding.** Individual awards will be for one year with expected budgets between \$35,000 and \$50,000. Award periods will be for January through December. No-cost extension requests require complete justification found here [No Cost Extension Request Process](#) .

**Eligibility.** Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered:

1. Assistant Professor or Associate Professor if promoted in July 2021 (< 1 year as Associate)
2. Hold an MD or DO or foreign equivalent degree with an active Indiana medical license
3. At least 50% protected time for research
4. Have clinical research grant support such as a career development award, foundation award or institutional grant (departmental start-up funds do not qualify)
5. Have had a disruption in productivity due to increased caregiving activities during the pandemic

Note that this mechanism does not support the submission of applications with co-PIs or co-Is.

## APPLICATION PROCESS AND SUBMISSION

**Applications must be received by 11:59:59 PM December 16, 2021.** Submissions are via the ‘**Start a submission**’ link found here [Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists Link](#)

**Application.** The following five components are required. Please combine into a single pdf and upload at the link above:

1. **Abstract** (limit to 500 words) and key words that describe the project
2. **Personal Statement** – One page maximum. Briefly describe how the pandemic has impacted your research and personal responsibilities (including, but not limited to, childcare or eldercare responsibilities).
3. **Research Project** - Two page maximum. Briefly describe your current project(s) and some of the barriers or gaps that have developed over the past 12-18 months. Describe how the award will be used to regain traction or accelerate progress on your research project/goals. Suggested sections include:
  - Overall research program. Explain your overall research program and how the current project you are focused on fits into this greater program. Explain how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice in one or more broad fields.
  - Current project. Describe a specific project overall strategy, methodology, and analyses. Include how the funding provided through this award will help advance this project.
  - Note that the grant cannot be used to support experiments that utilize non-human animals, or any tissues derived from them.
4. **Budget and Budget Justification.** Provide a budget and justification of the requested funds. Examples of funding include technical support and personnel (e.g. lab technicians, research assistants, data management or biostatistical support), grant-writing support, open access fees, or salary support to buy out clinical effort so that more time can be spent on advancing research productivity. ***The supplemental funds may not be used***

*for: Childcare or other direct family caregiving costs; Research costs, such as supplies or sequencing costs, that would not directly help Program Scholars reclaim their research time.*

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**5. NIH Bio-sketch.** Provide a current NIH-style bio-sketch.

## **REVIEW, AWARD SELECTION & FUNDING TIMELINE**

**Application Review.** An application Review Committee, consisting of four-five faculty members, will review and rank FRCS applications. While all caregivers are eligible, preference, per the funding agency, will be given to women faculty and faculty from racially and ethnically underrepresented backgrounds. Applications will ultimately be scored on the following criteria:

- Impact of pandemic on research project/ goals due to increased caregiving responsibilities.
- Impact of the FRCS award on regaining momentum/advance the research project.

**For more information or questions please reach out to program co-directors Matt Allen ([matallen@iu.edu](mailto:matallen@iu.edu)) and / or Brownsyne Tucker Edmonds ([btuckeredmon@iuhealth.org](mailto:btuckeredmon@iuhealth.org))**

## **POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS**

1. All awards will be monitored for progress by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Progress monitoring generally includes the following from all project PIs:
  - Annual progress reports due in November that report status of milestone progress along with documentations of external grant submissions/awards, IP, publications, and/or presentations arising from the supported research.
  - Annual follow-up reports upon request for up to five years after the project ends, including but not limited to the following data:
    - External grant submissions and awards arising from the supported research
    - Intellectual property arising from the supported research
    - Publications arising from the supported research
    - Additional impacts of the award on your research and the collaboration
2. It is expected that this pilot funding will lead to a publications and an external funding submission, generally reported on the final annual progress reports.
3. Grant recipients are required to acknowledge receipt of support in any presentation or publication of work funded by this award specific acknowledgement statement will be sent with award documentation.