

SCHOLAR AWARD COMPETITION
PFIZER POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS
in Health Literacy / Clear Health Communication 2008

DEADLINES

Tuesday, November 20, 2007 - Internal deadline

January 9, 2008* - Anticipated Pfizer application deadline

PROGRAM WEBSITE

Please refer to the Pfizer Promising Minds website for more information about this program. Formal application instructions for the nominee(s) are outlined in detail on these webpages.

<http://www.promisingminds.com/GrantsProgType.aspx?ProgID=101&ProgAreaID=3&ProgTypeID=3>

BACKGROUND

This award is designed to support career development of talented young physician-scientists who are pursuing scientific research in clear health communication and health literacy. The proposed research should focus on replicable and sustainable interventions that aim to improve outcome measures for low health literacy individuals and/or populations through the use of clear health communication approaches. Outcomes measures include utilization (e.g. hospitalization rates), clinical (e.g. adherence to treatment plan), economic (e.g. cost of care), and systemic (e.g. patient satisfaction). In addition, Pfizer encourages applications that (1) focus on one of the following leading public health and disease areas: diet/exercise, smoking cessation, prevention, disease management, and adherence; (2) incorporate interdisciplinary approaches and knowledge; and, 3) bridge the academic and practicing communities.

ELIGIBILITY

- All applicants must have a doctoral degree and have at least one year of postdoctoral training relevant to the research proposed.
- Candidates must have arranged for an appointment at the medical school and have been accepted by a sponsor who is a full-time faculty member of the medical school.
- Applicants *cannot* hold a tenure-track faculty position or its equivalent during the first year of the fellowship.
- Candidates must plan to devote at least 75% of professional time to research.
- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status is required.

FUNDING

- Postdoctoral Fellowships provide \$65,000 per year for 2 years, intended primarily as salary support, but can be used for expenses of research, including salaries of technical personnel.
- Other national research fellowships, career development, and other equivalent awards for which the applicant is the principal investigator may be held concurrently with a Pfizer Postdoctoral Fellowship; however, total support provided by the Pfizer Fellowship and another award cannot exceed \$130,000 annually. Awards offering substantial career development, such as NIH R01 and K awards, and Howard Hughes grants cannot be held concurrently.

NOMINATION LIMITATION

- Yale may nominate one candidate per department.
However, Pfizer limits its awards to one award per academic medical center per year.

INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Complete instructions for submitting an application for the Internal Competition are available on the Grant & Contract Administration website at:

http://grants.med.yale.edu/funding_opportunities/internal-competition.html

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For additional information on Scholar Awards: http://grants.med.yale.edu/funding_opportunities/deadlines.html