The Burroughs Wellcome Fund’s Career Awards for Medical Scientists program provides support for physician-scientists “to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service.” By increasing the number of physician-scientists and keeping them in research, BWF believes that this bridging award, supporting the last year(s) of a mentored position in addition to supporting the beginning years of an independent position, will facilitate their transition to a career in research and buy time from service commitments. “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.”

Awards of $700,000 over a period of five years are made to degree-granting institutions in the U.S. or Canada on behalf of the awardee.

The ideal candidate will be two years away from becoming an independent investigator, have at least two years research experience, be a first author on at least one publication in a high-impact journal, and have a significant publication record. Non-tenure track assistant professors within the first two years of their appointment may be eligible.

Program candidates "must have an M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., or D.O. degree." A candidate “must be a fellow, resident, or a postdoctoral researcher and have at least two years of postdoctoral research experience at the time of application.” He or she may not be more than 12 years past the most recently earned clinical degree (clinical doctorate degree earned on or after January 1, 2005). Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada. Candidates must spend at least 75% time on research-related activities. See https://www.bwfund.org/grant-programs/biomedical-sciences/career-awards-medical-scientists for additional eligibility requirements and full program details.

Before submitting a proposal, a candidate must complete the eligibility questionnaire. Full proposals are due at 4:00 pm (Eastern) on October 3, 2017.

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