The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) is soliciting applications for the 2018 Clinical Scientist Development Award. The purpose of these awards is to provide “grants to junior physician-scientists to facilitate their transition to independent clinical research careers.” The three year award provides annual direct costs of $150,000, with an additional annual $15,000 award for indirect costs.

Eligibility: An applicant must
- Have an MD or OD
- Have a valid US medical license (but need not be a U.S. citizen)
- Have a full time position as assistant professor with appointment to his or her first such position between December 1, 2012 and December 1, 2016
- Propose a clinical research project as defined by the DDCF
- Not be the principal investigator on any multi-year award with annual direct funding of $225,000 or greater (that has a start date on or before July 1, 2018)
- Not be the principal investigator on an NIH R01 or equivalent (that has a start date on or before July 1, 2018)
- Be guaranteed at least 75% full time effort for research.

Clinical research is defined by the Foundation as research involving the “Clinical research involves the scientific investigation of the etiology, prevention, diagnosis or treatment of human disease using human subjects, human populations or materials of human origin. Included in the definition are studies that utilize tissues or pathogens only if they can be linked to a patient. It is expected that the research protocols of grant applicants will require Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Occasionally, the foundation has funded research that does not require IRB approval, such as research using de-identified patient populations. If a research project is being proposed that does not require IRB approval, applicants are strongly encouraged to contact program staff to discuss whether the proposed research falls within the DDCF’s definition of clinical research.”

Full details are available at http://www.ddcf.org/what-we-fund/medical-research/goals-and-strategies/encourage-and-develop-clinical-research-careers/clinical-scientist-development-award/. All eligible applicants will be able to submit online pre-proposals, including two-page research proposals, for the 2018 competition. Pre-proposals are due no later than 3:00 p.m. EST December 1, 2017. By January 19, 2018, up to 50 applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Full proposals will be due on March 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m. EST.