



Oregon Health & Science University

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Career Development Opportunity for Women's Health and/or Sex/Gender Differences Research K12 Scholars

Proposals due July 27, 2020

Applications are currently being accepted for the Oregon BIRCWH (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health) K12 program (October 1, 2020 start date). If you are a clinical, behavioral, health services, policy, public health, or applied junior faculty researcher interested in pursuing a research career in women's health and/or sex/gender differences research, you may be eligible for this **mentored K12 career development program**. The program provides **75% protected time for mentored research career development** and includes training in women's health and/or sex/gender differences research, applied experience and training in research synthesis methods, and a significant, mentored research experience. Applicants should identify experienced, federally-funded scientific and career development mentors who can facilitate their development leading to a K01, K08, K23, R01 or equivalent grant within the two-year award period. Reviewers will consider the applicant's demonstrated academic ability, commitment to women's health and/or sex/gender differences research, and potential to become an independent federally-funded investigator.

Proposals are due by July 27, 2020, (details below) for a minimum two-year appointment with an anticipated start date of October 1, 2020. Applicants must be able to commit 75% FTE to this program. Appointments will depend on program's receipt of funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Interested applicants are encouraged to send a brief email to bircwh@ohsu.edu as soon as possible. We do not need details about your application and this is not binding; it is exclusively to facilitate our preparation for review and to send you additional information of interest.

Eligibility. To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be U.S. citizens or non-citizen nationals, or individuals lawfully admitted for permanent residence by October 1, 2020
2. Hold a clinical or research doctorate, including Ph.D., Sc.D, Dr.P.H., M.D., D.O., D.C., N.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.N.S. or equivalent doctoral degree, at the time of appointment
3. Have completed any postgraduate training normally expected for a faculty appointment in their field (including clinical or postdoctoral fellowship training, or residency if they have chosen not to subspecialize)
4. Have no more than six years of research or research training experience beyond their last doctoral degree
5. Have a full-time faculty appointment (assistant professor or higher) at OHSU, at the time of appointment to the BIRCWH
6. Be able to commit a minimum of 75% full-time professional effort to conducting women's health and/or sex/gender differences research

7. Have identified mentors with extensive research experience and funding
8. Individuals are NOT eligible to be a Scholar candidate if they have been a PD/PI on an R01 or subproject of a Program Project (P01), Center (P50, P60, P20, P30, U54) grant, independent mentored career development (K-series) grants, or other equivalent research grant awards; except for R03 and R21. A Scholar who is already in the process of applying for an individual mentored career development grant, P01 grant, or R01 grant is likely to be too senior for the BIRCWH

Support. Scholars will receive salary support for a minimum of 0.75 FTE up to a maximum of \$93,000 per year plus applicable fringe benefits (up to \$20,460 per year), and \$25,000 per year for research development support costs, such as supplies, research support, and travel to one training or scientific meeting. Any salary or fringe benefits that exceed these limits will be covered by home departments. Scholars will be appointed as an OCTRI scholar, which may provide access to certain core OCTRI services such as biostatistics, IRB, and regulatory compliance; some limitations will apply to these services. This is an interdisciplinary research training program, so Scholars must have more than one mentor, and mentors must represent multiple disciplines and have experience mentoring faculty to research independence.

To apply. The application consists of 9 elements and should be no more than 6 pages in length. Applicants must identify mentors, outline a research plan, and describe how this Scholar position will help advance their career goals. Applicants can use the [Competitive Application Portal \(CAP\)](#) to submit their application. All application materials must be received through CAP no later than 11:59 PM on Monday, July 27.

Application must include (maximum 6 pages):

1. Summary of applicant's career goals and mentored career development plan relating to women's health and/or sex/gender differences research
2. Research plan (*references not included in page limit*)
3. Proposed mentors (designate primary mentor) and mentoring plan
4. Vision of how this program would advance applicant's goals, including accelerated timeline for independent K- or R-level funding
5. Timeline for proposed research and funding proposal submissions
6. Proposed 2-year budget justification for \$25,000/year (\$50,000 total) research development support costs (*not included in page limit*)
7. NIH-style biographical sketches of applicant and mentors (*not included in page limit*)
8. Letter of support from department/division chair (*not included in page limit*). This letter must ensure:
 - a. Support for full-time faculty appointment by appointment date
 - b. 75% FTE commitment to research possible by appointment date for the full appointment
 - c. Agreement to cover salary and OPE that exceeds allowable salary/OPE by this grant
 - d. Office space and additional resources outside of those covered by this proposal
9. An abstract is required when submitting through the CAP system (*250 word limit*)

Note: Applicants may include up to three additional letters of support from mentors or other sources. These are not required and will only serve to supplement the application elements above.

Note. We are aware of the significant impact that COVID-19 has had on early career researchers. Please do not let any recent setbacks discourage you from applying. If needed, please explain in your application how the pandemic has impacted your work and how you have addressed, or plan to address, these issues.

Questions. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Director [Jeanne-Marie Guise, MD, MPH](#) (guisej@ohsu.edu) or Program Coordinator [Daniel Bouchat](#) (johdanie@ohsu.edu)