



The Brenden-Colson Center for Pancreatic Care

Funding Opportunity **Pancreatic Disease Training Fellowship**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Pancreatic Disease Training Fellowship is offered by the Brenden-Colson Center for Pancreatic Care (BCCPC) at OHSU. The purpose of this fellowship is to train early stage investigators for a career in research related to the biology, diagnosis, or therapy of hereditary, inflammatory or malignant pancreatic disease. This mechanism is intended to support clinical, basic, or population-based research that is pancreas focused. This fellowship is targeted toward investigators that to date have not established themselves as independent investigators in the field of pancreatic health or disease. The goal of this program is to assist in launching new careers, or new research directions, to advance the understanding of pancreatic biology, disease, and/or therapy. Fellows are expected to devote at least 75% of effort to research and the fellowship activities must be primarily performed at OHSU. Training components may include, as appropriate, but are not limited to: clinical rotations with surgery, oncology, or pathology departments; journal clubs; physician shadowing; training courses such as offered by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; OHSU Human Investigations Program; OHSU Advance Topics in Cancer Biology course (CANB 616); grand rounds; rotations within research laboratories.

Award Opportunities:

- Up to two fellowships will be awarded at a time. Awards will provide \$100,000 per year, which can be applied toward salary, associated benefits, and/or for research support.
- Each award is for 1 or 2 years. Applicants must define the desired length of the fellowship.
- These funds are made possible through philanthropic support to the Brenden-Colson Center for Pancreatic Care.

Eligibility:

- This award is intended to foster the growth of researchers in the field of pancreatic basic, translational, or clinical research.
- Applicants must have a research or health-professional doctoral degree (Ph.D., M.D., D.V.M., D.O., Pharm.D., etc).
- Eligibility is limited to researchers at the rank of postdoc, fellow, instructor, research assistant professor, or similar entry-level that have limited or no previous work in the fields of either pancreatic biology or pancreatic cancer.
- Candidates that have accepted a postdoctoral fellowship, K award, or career transition award are not eligible.

Mentorship:

- After acceptance of the award, fellows select a mentor, with the advice and agreement of the Steering Committee of the BCCPC.
- The applicant will be mentored by an OHSU Professor, Associate Professor, or research-track equivalent that is established in a field of biology, cancer, or disease of the pancreas.
- The mentor is responsible for aiding in the development of the applicant's knowledge of pancreatic biology and disease and assisting with the design/development of the applicant's research project.

Key Dates: Application deadline: February 1, 2017.

Submission Details and Questions:

For questions please contact Dove Keith at (503) 346-4782. Applications should be submitted directly to Dove Keith at keithd@ohsu.edu

A. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Research Goals, training goals, and personal statement** (3 pages). The space can be subdivided as the applicant sees appropriate to fully address the following:
 - What research goals do you aim to accomplish?
 - How will these stated goals materially contribute to any of the three focus areas for pancreatic disease of the Brenden-Colson Center (Early Detection, Advanced Therapy, and Quality of Life)?
 - Explain how the Brenden-Colson Center and OHSU is an appropriate environment to help you realize your stated goals.
 - Describe how your background will enable you to accomplish these goals or how your background helped you develop these goals.
 - Describe the areas of training or education that you are most interested in pursuing during the fellowship. Explain how these new areas of training and exposure will complement your prior area(s) of expertise and how these new areas of training will enable you to reach your research goals and further your pancreatic research career.
 - Applicants should indicate a potential mentor(s) or area of concentration. Final selection of a mentor will be determined after offer and acceptance of the fellowship. Mentorship will be approved by the Brenden-Colson Center Steering Committee.
 - Applicants are NOT required to consult with the proposed mentor to develop a detailed training plan in advance of submitting the application, but should describe the general areas of training that would be most beneficial to helping attain the stated goals.
 - Describe any portion of the research or training that will be performed at an additional university, hospital, or research institution.
 - Applicants should state the desired length of award (1 or 2 years). The application should clearly demonstrate how the requested time is appropriate for the stated research goals and/or training goals.
 - Literature Cited (does not count against the 3-page limit)
 - Lay summary with impact statement (0.5 page, does not count against the 3-page limit)
2. **Biographical Sketch** for applicant
If possible, use the most recent version of the NIH “Biographical Sketch Format Page”
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm>
3. **Letters of Support**
Arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent separately to keithd@ohsu.edu by the deadline. These should be from previous mentors or others with the ability to comment on the applicant’s background and potential to take advantage of the opportunities offered in this fellowship and to grow into an outstanding researcher in the field of pancreas biology.

B. FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS

All applications must adhere to the following guidelines:

Font

- Use Arial 11 point.
- Type density, including characters and spaces, must be no more than 15 characters per inch.
- Type may be no more than six lines per inch.
- Use black ink that can be clearly copied.

Page Margins

- Use one-inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages, including continuation pages.

Application Paging

- The application must be single-spaced.
- Consecutively number pages.

Figures, Graphs, Diagrams, Charts, Tables, Figure Legends, and Footnotes

- You may use a smaller type size but it must be in black ink, readily legible, and follow the font typeface requirement.
- Do not include figures or other materials that are not inserted directly into the body of the application.

C. AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- All fellows are expected to attend the following events: Knight Cancer Institute seminar series (weekly on Monday and Thursday), Brenden-Colson Center seminar series (monthly on 2nd Friday), and Pancreas Translational Tumor Board (1st and 3rd Monday of each month).
- A Proposed Project Questionnaire (PPQ) is not required at the time of application; however, awardees will be required to submit a signed PPQ.
- IRB and IACUC approval (if needed) are required prior to release of funds.
- A summary report describing project accomplishments (research project progress and training) must be submitted at the end of each fiscal year, until all funds are used. This should include publications, grant applications (applied and funded), INDs or IDEs resulting from the project, and plans to further develop the project.
- Results from funded studies must be presented annually during the monthly Brenden-Colson Seminar series.
- Awards can be applied toward salary, associated benefits, and/or for research support. Distribution of the award for each category will be determined in consultation with the chosen mentor and with approval of the Steering Committee. Budgets are not required at the time of application