

THE ROLANETTE AND BERDON LAWRENCE BONE DISEASE PROGRAM OF TEXAS

Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Research Award

The Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Bone Research Awards were named to honor the couple for their generous support and endowment of the Bone Disease Program and their continued philanthropic leadership in the community.

Purpose

The purpose of the Bone Disease Program of Texas Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Research Award is to provide initial funding for promising laboratory, pre-clinical, clinical or translational studies involving bone disease. Projects will promote research development in the areas of skeletal formation, biology and abnormalities, craniofacial morphogenesis and abnormalities, bone metastases and bone health in cancer patients. The award program emphasizes hypothesis-driven research with high potential for future external funding. Research proposals should advance the goal of reducing the incidence and morbidity of bone disease.

Eligibility

Research awards are open to Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas Health Science Center faculty members. Preference will be given to proposals from junior faculty (senior post-doctoral fellow, instructor or assistant professor within the first five years of their initial appointment) and to collaborative research (between clinical and basic science, senior-junior or junior-junior faculty members within and between institutions). Proposals should focus on the major areas of programmatic development: skeletal formation, biology and abnormalities, craniofacial morphogenesis and abnormalities, bone metastases and bone health in cancer patients. **Previous winners are ineligible.**

Terms

Awardee(s) will receive \$45,000 (direct costs only) for one (1) year. Investigators (M.D or Ph.D.) must allocate a minimum of 15% effort for the project. Annual progress reports are required. The Program Advisory Committee may withdraw awards for non-compliance or nonperformance during the funding period.

Application Procedure

Candidates will submit a completed Research Award Application Face Sheet with Abstract and 5 page proposal. The proposal will include: 1) Specific Aims, 2) Background, Significance and Innovation, 3) Preliminary Studies, and 4) Research Plan. References are not included in the page limit. A 1-year budget and NIH biosketches for all key personnel are required. All applications will be submitted electronically. IRB/IACUC approvals for the project may be pending at the time of submission but must be approved for award of funding.



Deadline

The Application deadline is July 23, 2021 (Friday) by 5 PM

Selection

An appointed Scientific Committee will review and score all proposals. Investigators submitting the best scoring proposals will be selected as finalists and will virtually present at the Bone Disease Program Scientific Retreat on September 10, 2021. The virtual presentations will be judged by a panel of external reviewers and the Program Advisory Committee, who choose the award recipients based on scientific merit and clarity of oral presentation. The award recipients will be announced at conclusion of the scientific retreat.

Award management

Funds will be awarded following written acceptance by the awardee and notification of IRB / IACUC approval. Annual progress reports will be reviewed by the Bone Disease Program Director and Co-Directors. Funds that are not used in a twelve-month period may be approved for a one-year extension if requested in writing, with strong justification, at least 30 days prior to the end of the award. Should an investigator change institutions during the project period and/or is no longer affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, The University of Texas Health Science Center, the remainder of the award funds will be returned to the Bone Disease Program of Texas.

Publications and Presentations

All published or presented data based on research supported by this award will credit the program as follows: This work supported by the Bone Disease Program of Texas Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Research Award.

Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Research Award Application Guidelines

Applications will be accepted electronically (by email) only. No hard copy applications will be accepted. Applications must include:

- Application Face Sheet with Abstract
- Project narrative no longer than 5 typewritten pages including 1) Specific Aims, 2) Background, Significance and Innovation, 3) Preliminary Studies, and 4) Research Plan. Any relevant figures and tables should be included in the 5 page limit. Use 12 point Times Roman for the project narrative. References are not included in the page limit.
- Attach project budget prepared using the [NIH PHS 398](#) form for initial budget period along with a brief budget justification.
- Attach biosketches for key personnel prepared using the [NIH PHS 398/2590](#).
- Optional attachments may include IRB or IACUC approved protocol, relevant in-press manuscripts and letter(s) of support from senior faculty.
- Incomplete proposals, or proposals that exceed 5 pages (not including attachments), will not be considered.

Review criteria should include the following:

- *Significance*—effect of the proposed research on skeletal formation, biology and abnormalities, craniofacial morphogenesis and abnormalities, bone metastases and bone health in cancerpatients;
- *Approach*—quality of the conceptual framework, design, methods, analyses and rigor;
- *Innovation*—originality of the specific aims;
- *Environment*—evidence of institutional, departmental and senior faculty support.

Award finalists will be announced by August 13, 2021 after proposal reviews by the Bone Disease Program of Texas Scientific Review Committee. The finalists are expected to present their research proposals at the Bone Disease Scientific Retreat, Friday, September 10, 2021. Awardees will be announced at the conclusion of retreat.

Award criteria will be based upon (1) the quality of the proposed project and oral presentation and (2) the priority of the proposed project in the field of bone research as determined by the Selection Committee.

Application submission deadline: July 16, 2021 by 5:00 pm. All applications will be submitted by email to: Charlotte Cherry <ccherry@bcm.edu>

Past Awardees

2013	V. Lokesh Battula, PhD and Xin Zhou, PhD
2014	Dongsu Park, PhD, Huifang Lu, PhD and Jun Wang, PhD
2015	Sanjay Mediwala, MD, Karen Posey, PhD and Kyu Sang Joeng, PhD
2016	Ingo Grafe, PhD, Yannis Hara, PhD and Walid Fakhouri, PhD
2017	Eleanora Dondossola PhD, Junichi Iwata, PhD and Thomas Kean, PhD
2018	Matthew Grol, PhD and Rozita Yarmand, PhD
2019	Dung-Fang Lee, PhD, George Eisenhower, PhD, and Ronit Marom, MD, PhD
2020	Joohyun Lim, PhD, Greg Couasnay, PhD, Trivedi Trupti, PhD

Lawrence Research Award Application Face Sheet

First Middle Initial Last Degree(s)

Title

Institution Name

Department

Mailing Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

Telephone

Fax

E-Mail

Co-Investigator(s) – include degree(s)

Proposal Title

Abstract summarizing your proposed research (150-words)

Indicate the amount of funding requested: \$ _____

Signature

Date