

Terms of the YCCI Scholar Award

The award will be for a 24-month term effective not earlier than July 1, 2009; any funds that are unused at the end of the award cannot be carried over for future use. This award is intended to assist you in further development of your career as a clinical or translational scientist, and will provide protected time to conduct research, prepare data for publication, apply for grants, and begin to establish an independent research program. The award will also provide for and require that you receive additional mentoring and training. Your YCCI mentorship and training will be coordinated by either Dr. Eugene Shapiro or Dr. Judy Cho. We expect (with your help) to form an oversight committee of senior investigators for you. In addition to regular meetings with your immediate mentor, we expect you to have periodic meetings (every 6 months, or more frequently as needed) with your oversight committee. The entire team will provide assistance and will review your progress toward achieving your academic goals.

You will also be required to assess, with the help of Drs. Shapiro and Cho, your educational needs so that additional training that is appropriate for you can be planned. We encourage awardees that do not already have an advanced degree to pursue training that will lead to a Masters Degree in Health Sciences Research. This could be discussed with Dr. Shapiro or Dr. Cho.

Finally, there will be research conferences that meet approximately twice a month that you will be expected to attend.

Additional Benefits

Through the YCCI and CTSA we provide optimal settings for clinical and translational investigators to conduct safe, controlled, patient-oriented research using state-of-the-art facilities and the resources of Yale Medical School and Yale-New Haven Hospital. The Center will make available its resources to assist you in your research efforts. The staff will provide assistance in the coordination of protocols, consultation regarding design and conduct, data management and statistical analyses of research studies. The regulatory affairs and protocol development staff will also assist with issues related to Human Subject Protection, Informed Consent and the protection of Personal Health Information in the performance of the research studies.

In addition, we will assist you by providing access to all the facilities of the Center, which include outpatient and inpatient beds with highly skilled nursing, nutritional, and laboratory staff to assist faculty-based investigators in their research activities. Our resources also include a metabolic kitchen with a research dietician and a core laboratory as well as a Biomedical Informatics Core.

Other Terms

If, as we expect, you succeed in obtaining extramural funds such as a K or an R award to cover part or all of your salary, you will be expected to relinquish the salary support portion of this award so that it can be used to support another trainee. You will be allowed to retain the research support portion of the award. Any funds that are unused at the end of the award cannot be carried over for future research.

In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of our scholar program, we will be requesting annual updates, beginning in early 2010 and for an average period of 10 years. This will include, but is not limited to, information about your current position, grant support, and publications. You also will be expected to attend the annual national meeting for scholars and the annual regional meeting of CTSA Awarded institutions at least once during your appointment.

In the event that you resign or leave the institution, this award is not transferable to another institution or to another individual. You and or your home department must provide immediate notice to the YCCI well in advance of the date of you will leave.

Your research project support is contingent upon (a) completion of all the normal University review process including approval by the IRB or IACUC and (b) completing the IRB, HIPAA or Animal certification, so that you are qualified to conduct your research.

By accepting this award, you would agree to abide by these requirements as well as all other University policies and procedures.

Please note that the CTSA must receive acknowledgement on relevant publications and you will be asked to include the following text in the acknowledgment:

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