



## **LDN FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS - OPEN!**

The Lysosomal Disease Network invites applications for the LDN Fellowship. Utilizing NIH funding, the grant will provide \$50,000 total costs (direct and indirect costs) retroactively for the period of September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015.

### **APPLICANT CRITERIA:**

1. Should be a post-doctoral professional who will develop an interest in clinical research of lysosomal diseases. This could include physicians with training in relevant disciplines as well as pharmacists, psychologists, or other suitably qualified professionals (i.e., MD, PhD, MD-PhD, PsychD, DDS, PharmD, etc.).

Please note that this is a clinical research fellowship, not a bench research position, unless human specimens are a key aspect of the proposal.

2. Applicants must identify a mentor with an appropriate track record in lysosomal disease research.

3. Need not be United States citizens, but must be allied with a United States-based institution qualified to receive funds from the National Institutes of Health.

4. Should use the NIH PHS 398 forms, but with these modifications:

- a) Research Plan, total of 2 page limit (plus literature cited)
- b) Training Plan written by applicant (goals, possible coursework/workshops, clinical activity, symposia)
- c) Role of Mentor in this research project
- d) Letter of Support from Mentor
- e) Description of research environment and resources relevant to this training program and research project (no more than one page)

5. Biosketches – On NIH PHS 398 forms

- a) PI (applicant)
- b) Mentor

6. Cannot be based at the University of Minnesota, as one fellowship has already been awarded at this institution.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Applications must be received prior to 5:00 P.M. CST Friday February 6th, 2015.**

#### **COMPLETION OF FORMS:**

Although the current NIH PHS 398 forms must be used (including Face Page, Budget and Budget Justification pages, etc.), the grant will be issued by the University of Minnesota to the applicant's institution.

The fellowship application does not need to be vetted by the applicant's institutional administration prior to submission.

The current PHS 398 forms are available at this website:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>

#### **REVIEW CRITERIA:**

Applications will be reviewed for focus on "clinical research" (using human subjects and/or human tissues) of "lysosomal diseases" with priority given to those applicants who are likely to be mentored into a career with a focus on clinical research of lysosomal diseases. The application will also be evaluated with respect to the applicant's potential to submit a manuscript, based on the research proposal, to a peer-reviewed journal for publication.

## **GRANT AWARD:**

A single award will be announced approximately February 13th, 2015, and commence immediately with a grant period of September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015.

The application should cite additional funds, if any, that will be used to support the applicant and the research project prior to, during, and after the Fellowship, in the "Other Support" section of the application (in the Biographical Sketch).

Applications must be submitted by email only (please do not send paper copies) by the deadline of 5:00 P.M. CST Friday February 6th to this email address:

[fellowship@lysosomaldiseseanetwork.org](mailto:fellowship@lysosomaldiseseanetwork.org)

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted for review.