The Dr. Gene P. Lewis Fellowship was created in recognition of Dr. Lewis’ many contributions to clinical care and research in Public Health and Oral-Systemic Health Disparities and his prominence as a leader and role model in the field. The goal of this fellowship is to support professional students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows or junior faculty in the development of meaningful evidence that will ultimately lead to the reduction of Oral Health Disparities in the state of Kentucky.

Objective

This fellowship is designed to support the academic and scientific development of research related to Oral Health Disparities. Recipients will receive up to $10,000 that must be put towards their research, establishment of their laboratories, the completion of a research project or preparing research for publication or grant submissions related to oral health in underserved populations. The award may also be used for protected time from clinical teaching or administrative responsibilities to pursue such work, or towards training to obtain further expertise or skills in this area. Funds awarded could also be used for additional laboratory/clinical assistance. As part of the terms of the fellowship, the award recipient must submit a report within 12 months of receipt of the award which describes the results of the progress achieved as a result of the fellowship and must present their preliminary findings at a national conference.

Criteria

The Dr. Gene P. Lewis Fellowship is open to:

- professional school students, graduate students, post-doctoral scholars or junior faculty
- who are professional students or within 10 years of their last professional degree
- have demonstrated a commitment to research related to Oral health, Systemic Health and Health Disparities, as well as academic promise/qualifications, which will be evaluated based on the candidate’s CV, project and the support demonstrated in the supervisor/department head letter,
- hold an appointment or is a student in the Colleges of Dentistry, Medicine or Public Health at an accredited dental school or academic research center in the United States.
Note: Emphasis will be placed in applicants in the fields of Oral Health Research although systemic conditions related to underserved populations may also be awarded.

Application

The application package should include:

- a letter of support from the applicant’s research supervisor and department chair
- a personal statement, indicating why the candidate should be considered for the fellowship (not more than one page)
- an outline of the candidate’s project (no more than 4 pages, excluding references), 11 pt. font, should include your hypothesis, methodology, plans for publications/presentations, a description of the impact of the project in underserved populations and in the reduction of oral-systemic health disparities, and realistic timeline within the 12 months
- the candidate’s NIH style biosketch (not more than five pages)
- budget and budget justification demonstrating how $10,000 will be spent in travel and other support related to training and/or research development

Deadline for the application package to be submitted: September 11, 2020.
Submission: Submit package as one pdf file in the order above to: Dana Satterly, Dlsatt00@uky.edu

Evaluation

Applicants will be evaluated by the Committee appointed by the Dean of the College of Dentistry and Associate Dean for research, which may include faculty from College of Dentistry, Public Health and Medicine, on the basis of scholarly excellence, quality and originality of the proposed project, active commitment toward research related to Public Health and Disparities in Oral Health.

Award:

One Fellowship in the amount of $10,000 will be made. This award is intended to provide travel and any other support related to training and research development during the fellowship period. This award will be made to the awardee and no indirect costs (F&A) shall be allowed.
Selection:

Selection of the successful candidate will be made by the Committee as described above. The Committee's decision will be made prior to the fall symposium, set to October 9-10th 2020, and the fellowship recipient will be formally announced by the Center for Oral Health Research representative during the Fall Symposium.

Sponsorship:

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