OBJECTIVES: The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation’s Moore Inventor Fellowship program seeks to identify outstanding early-stage inventors who harness science and technology solutions to enhance the conduct of scientific research, strengthen environmental conservation, or improve the experience and outcomes of patient care. The fellowships focus on inventors at a critical stage of their innovations to support their work in ways that might be missed in the current research and development ecosystem. The program seeks to provide freedom and support to promising inventors who create new tools, technologies, processes, or approaches with a high potential to accelerate progress in the Foundation’s three main areas of interest.

FUNDING INFORMATION: $200,000 per year for three years. In addition, the Foundation will provide the host institution with $25,000 per year to cover costs associated with administering the grant award, resulting in a total three-year award amount of $675,000. Each host institution will be required to contribute $50,000 in annual direct support of the inventor’s work. This can be “in kind” as released time or access to special facilities for which there is normally a charge. The Foundation expects each fellow will be personally engaged in pursuing his/her invention and each fellow will be required to devote at least 25 percent of his/her own time to the invention. Fellows may use the grant funds to support their own salary to create this opportunity. They may also hire undergraduate, graduate assistants, or postdoctoral scholars, and purchase services, equipment, or supplies.

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS: Candidates must:
- Be within ten years of receiving the terminal degree in their field (M.S., Ph.D., or M.D.)
- Be faculty, research scientists, postdoctoral scholars, or other full-time staff at eligible institutions.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: BU Charles River and Medical Campuses combined have been invited to submit two nominations. Nominations will be submitted by the Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research in collaboration with Foundation Relations and Sponsored Programs. BU Medical Campus interested investigators should submit the following materials listed below via InfoReady Review by 9/30/19. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org by 9/30/19.

- Recommendation from the appropriate Department Chair or Dean;
- Statement of invention, no more than two, single-spaced pages, including citations, outlining:
  1. In the first paragraph: description of the invention, the problem it seeks to address, and its potential impact. The description must be written without jargon
  2. Importance in the area of science, environmental conservation, or patient care and experience
  3. Stage of invention
  4. Current funding
  5. Feasibility
  6. Approach for measuring progress during the grant term
- Summary CV, no more than two pages, providing:
  a. Educational and professional background
b. Key accomplishments, honors, and demonstrated areas of expert knowledge

c. Other background information relevant to this invention

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select the nominees. The Office of Foundation Relations (ofr@bu.edu) will assist applicants in preparing final materials by 11/15/19. Questions for Foundation Relations can also be directed to Joe Loftus (joloftus@bu.edu).


In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the Proposal Submission Policy.

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