TO: BUMC Faculty  
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SUBJECT: Vascular Cures’ Wylie Scholar Program

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Vascular Cures’ Wylie Scholar Program provides 3-year career development grants to outstanding young vascular surgeon-scientists who combine active patient care with academic research. The award supports crucial research that enables them to compete for future research funding. Wylie Scholars become North America’s world-class vascular surgeon-scientists; many are now chiefs at major academic centers, prominent leaders in the field, and play a key role in our programs.

The award may be used to support research in the following areas: basic science, translational, clinical research, outcomes/health services research, teaching, community service, and patient care.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates must hold a full-time faculty appointment as a vascular surgeon with active privileges at a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in the United States or the Committee for the Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools in Canada. The following conditions also must be met:

- Must hold a valid and current certification from the American Board of Surgery, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, in general surgery or vascular surgery.
- Must be an active, practicing clinical vascular surgeon.
- Must present convincing evidence of rigorous research training and significant research accomplishments to date.
- Must not be currently funded by a career development award from the National Institutes of Health, Veterans Affairs, American Heart Association, or similar extramural funding agencies. Concomitant awards similar in size to the Wylie Scholar (e.g. from professional societies such as the American College of Surgeons) must be disclosed and will be considered on an individual basis.
- Must prepare and present a challenging research plan to be completed during the term of the award.
- Must have a research mentor who will be an additional resource for his or her research.
- The Chairman of the Department of Surgery must guarantee that the candidate will have 40 percent protected time available to devote to the research investigation, as well as facilities, equipment and resources to execute the proposed studies.
- The candidate is expected to participate in the Vascular Cures Wylie Scholar award event each year during their research grant tenure. This includes participating in a scientific interchange with Vascular Cures Board of Directors and donors. Up to $1,800 of the annual stipend may be used for travel expenses and one night of lodging.
The key criteria for selection of the potential Wylie Scholar will be a demonstrated aptitude for and interest in vascular research, skill and promise in vascular surgery, teaching ability, and leadership qualities. Selected candidates may be personally interviewed prior to the final selection.

**Funding Information:** $150,000 over three years. Payment of awards will be made to the candidate’s institution and the institution will be responsible for disbursing all funds and for the administration of the grant. Vascular Cures does not pay indirect costs.

**Internal Selection Process:** BU Medical Campus interested faculty should submit the following materials listed below combined into a single pdf to Diana Lehman at dlehman@bu.edu by **Friday, Feb. 21, 2020.** 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.

- A letter of recommendation from the appropriate department chair or dean
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) by the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project including proposed faculty and how the program will support diversity
- A brief budget outline for the proposed project
- Up-to-date CV or NIH biosketch.

A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select nominees.

**Deadlines:** Internal Deadline: Friday, Feb. 21, 2020. | Sponsor Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2020

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](#).