

**Boston Medical Center/Boston University
Interdisciplinary Women's Health Research Scholar's
Program Scholar Secondary Application
Submission Due Date: October 29, 2010**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1) A Biosketch in NIH format: A sample is available at this website:
<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding>

2) Research proposal summary (5 page maximum) of the primary research project to be conducted during the award period.

3) Statement of longterm research goals (3 page maximum) and how the applicant would benefit from inclusion in interdisciplinary program on women's health research to reach these goals.

4) Budget and budget justification for 2 years of support, at a maximum of \$92,000 per year. If this funding does not support 80% of the candidate's salary, or does not support all research personnel and supplies needed to conduct the research project, the budget and justification must indicate how the candidate's department will provide this additional support.

Please see the **Budget Instructions** page for more specific instructions.

5) Two letters of support from mentors. All applications must contain two letters of support from the Scholar's mentors within their department. The Scholar must indicate in their application who will serve as their primary mentor and who will serve as their secondary mentor. The mentors must be engaged actively as an independent investigator with expertise in the scholar's area of interest. The proposed mentors must have prior experience in providing research training. The letter from the mentors must state their credentials to qualify as a sponsor. The letter of support will state how the applicant will benefit from inclusion in this program as well as the mentor's commitment to participate in the program. Applicants who cannot identify such a mentors from within their department are encouraged to speak with one or more of the mentors within the program in the preparation of their application. The selection of interdisciplinary mentors is strongly encouraged.

6) Letter of support from the candidate's department chair or division/section chief. The letter should also confirm the department's commitment to 80% time devoted to research related activities.

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

The following four criteria will be used by the BIRCWH Advisory Committee to recommend candidates for support by the BU Interdisciplinary Women's Health Research Scholars Program:

1) Adequacy of the Research Plan

Judged in terms of:

- Importance of the primary hypothesis
- Soundness of scientific methods and study design
- Feasibility of completing project

2) Research potential of the candidate

Judged by the Advisory Committee in terms of:

- Likelihood of the candidate to develop into an independent investigator
- Candidates commitment to women's health.

3) Significance of Research (in relation to Women's Health)

- Research project and research plan which fit within the priorities of women's health research

4) Recommendation of Research Potential and Adequacy of Mentoring/Departmental Support

Judged in terms of:

- Letters by department chair/section/division chief
- Mentor letters

NOTE: Applications dealing with human subjects must receive approval of the Institutional Review Board. All recipients will be required to complete the Course of the Responsible Conduct of Research provided by the Boston University School of Medicine

NOTICE OF AWARD: Please note (below) new due date for applications. Applicants will be informed in writing of the decision of the BIRCWH Advisory Committee in December, 2010.

All BIRCWH Scholar Awards are subject to the approval of the NIH.

Applications are due Friday, October 29, 2010 for a requested start date of either January 1, 2011 or July 1, 2011.

For information regarding requirements of the application or to obtain application forms, please contact Bonnie Sherman, Ph.D. at (617) 638-8033

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Please submit 5 typewritten copies (the original plus 4 copies) and an electronic version by email of the application to :

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