TO: BUMC Faculty
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SUBJECT: William T. Grant Scholars Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers’ expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas.

The Foundation’s mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. The research plan should evolve in conjunction with the development of new expertise, and the mentoring plan should describe how the proposed mentors will support applicants in acquiring that expertise. Proposed research plans must address questions that are relevant to policy and practice in the Foundation’s focus areas. It funds research focused within two areas:

- **Reducing Inequality**: Research programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in academic, social, behavioral and economic outcomes; and
- **Improving the Use of Research Evidence**: Research on improving the use of research evidence by state and local decision makers, mid-level managers, and intermediaries.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must:

- Have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application. The Foundation calculates this by adding seven years to the date the doctoral degree was conferred.
- Be employed in career-ladder positions at nonprofit institutions. For many applicants, this means holding a tenure-track position in a university. Applicants in other types of organizations should be in a position in which there is a pathway to advancement in a research career at the organization and the organization is fiscally responsible for the applicant’s position. The award may not be used as a post-doctoral fellowship.
- Applicants of any discipline are eligible.

FUNDING INFORMATION: $350,000 distributed over a five-year period.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: BUSM, BUSPH, GSDM and BMC may nominate each one candidate. Interested investigators should submit the following materials combined into a single pdf to Diana Lehman (dlehman@bu.edu) by Friday, May 17, 2019:

- Letter of recommendation from the appropriate Department Chair or Dean
- One-page summary of proposed project
- CV should be in the current NIH biosketch format

A faculty committee will review internal proposals and select nominees.

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.