

The Milstein Medical Asian American Partnership Foundation 2019 Fellowship Award in Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine

In connection with the **Milstein Medical Asian American Partnership (MMAAP) Foundation's** committed support of outstanding medical research in stem cell research and regenerative medicine, we invite the submission of applications from Chinese stem cell and regenerative medicine researchers for a Fellowship Award to support one-year training at a prominent sponsoring institution in the US. The aim of the program is to build enduring partnership between the US and China as well as greater Asia through training of future Chinese academic leaders and to encourage long-term collaborations between the two regions. The award will provide support for the fellow in the amount of USD 60,000 accompanied by a grant of USD 25,000, total of USD 85,000, to the US host institution. Indirect costs are not allowed.

The individual must have a career goal to be a distinguished researcher focusing on the challenges of stem cell and regenerative medicine. The successful application should include an innovative research proposal and commitment to the development of a long term partnership between the Chinese home institution and the US sponsoring institution.

ELIGIBILITY:

Chinese applicants should come from major medical centers with demonstrated excellence in stem cell research and regenerative medicine; at the rank of Instructor or above; an MD or PhD within the field of stem cell research and regenerative medicine; significant research experience with a distinguished publication record; commitment to research and academics; demonstrated leadership skills, excellent English proficiency, and with the agreement of a US institution to provide him/her the training. The ideal candidate should be from China at the beginning of the funding period. After application submission, applicants must provide updates to the MMAAP Foundation if there are any changes in their professional or personal situation. It is not advised to submit the same application for multiple awards in the same year.

CONTENTS OF APPLICATION:

All applications should be prepared in one PDF document with contents in the following order. They should have both Chinese and English versions:

- 1) **Title page** including applicant's name, name of applicant home institution, title of proposal and name of the US host institution. **Title page and checklist** (containing both Chinese and English) can be downloaded from the website www.mmaapf.org.
- 2) **A letter from the applicant stating:**
 - a) career goals and plans for achieving these goals
 - b) the relevance of the MMAAP Foundation fellowship to achieve these goals
 - c) plan for collaboration and partnership building
 - d) acknowledgement of the requirement to submit periodic progress reports (written in layman's language) during the grant period and within 4 months of finishing the fellowship
 - e) acknowledgement of the requirement to list **MMAAP Foundation** support in all presentations and publications
 - f) Acknowledgement to keep **MMAAP Foundation** informed of current and future dates of presentations and/or publications
- 3) **A curriculum vitae** (up to 6 pages) including date of birth, education, training, academic appointments, key publications, and other research support.
- 4) **One recommendation letter** either from the President of applicant's home institution or the Chair of applicant's home department. This letter must evaluate a) quality of previous and proposed research; b) commitment of the applicant and his/her department and institution to clinical investigation; c) applicant's ability to understand, write and speak English; d) willingness to continue the research project after returning to China and collaboration with the US partnering institution; e) a guaranteed faculty position at applicant's home institution upon returning to China; f) provision of the time for the fellow upon return to China to resume research within 6 months; g) guaranteed access to facilities and support allowing applicant to continue the research begun in the US without interruption. This includes provision of consumable supplies and access to necessary equipment.
- 5) **It is advised to have a letter from the host US institution and CV of the faculty who is responsible for the fellowship**, to acknowledge accepting the applicant to work on the project detailed in the application. If the applicant cannot identify US mentor/host institution, s/he is advised to review the list of experts and their research areas on the Foundation's website (this information will be updated periodically based on availability) or elsewhere to identify a US mentor/host institution.
- 6) **A research proposal** (3-5 pages including references) prepared by the applicant detailing the title, aims, significance, approach, and projected results. The proposal must be typed in **Arial 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins**. Application for human and/or animal use to the US sponsoring institution (Institutional Review Board or its equivalent) should be submitted by the deadline and approved before funding can be started.

DEADLINE:

Deadline for receipt of application is midnight December 3rd, 2018 (China time). The award will be announced with funding available in early 2019. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications need to be uploaded to www.mmaapf.org. Please contact info@mmaapf.org or call +1 (212) 850 – 4505 with any questions.

PEER REVIEW PROCESS:

Applications (Chinese version) will be first reviewed by Chinese experts in Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine. The selected top applications (English version) will then be reviewed by the US experts in Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine. One application with the highest quality will be selected through this two-step peer review process for funding with final approval by the MMAAP Foundation.

ABOUT THE MMAAP FOUNDATION, A 501 (c) (3) NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Foundation was established by the Milstein family to contribute to the improvement of world health by developing mutually beneficial partnerships between the United States and China as well as greater Asia. Its goal is to bring together and fund exchanges between the best medical and research talent and institutions of both regions and to produce medical and scientific progress with integrity and efficiency.