



WILMOT CANCER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Application Deadline: February 11, 2022

The WILMOT Cancer Research Fellowship Program at the University of Rochester Medical Center, was developed by James P. Wilmot through a foundation named in his memory. The program provides funds to allow physicians to undertake research of the highest quality for investigating the causes, diagnosis, treatment or prevention of cancer. The program's goal is to provide research training that will prepare physicians to undertake and maintain their own independent careers in cancer research and training.

Important Dates:

Application due date: February 11, 2022

Anticipated award notification: May 2022

Anticipated start date: July 1, 2022

Program and Eligibility:

The Wilmot post-doctoral fellowship supports mentored research training for physicians with M.D. or M.D./Ph.D degrees *who have completed their residency training* and intend to pursue an academic career in clinical, translational or basic cancer research. While not required, previous research experience demonstrating interest in a research career is desirable. The Wilmot cancer research fellowship program *does not* support clinical training. Wilmot fellows also may enroll in graduate courses at the University of Rochester that are appropriate for and related to their research and would enhance their research training experience.

The Wilmot Cancer Research Fellowship provides funding for up to three years. Fellows receive an annual stipend comparable to those awarded by many national foundations. In addition, each Fellow receives an annual supply allowance, and a travel allowance to provide support for attending national or international scientific conferences.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit applications via the online application questionnaire available at this link:

<https://redcap.urmc.rochester.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=D7RYARK7NK>

After administrative review, all applications are transmitted to the James P. Wilmot Foundation for scientific review by a panel of outstanding cancer research scientists from other academic medical and cancer centers. Their recommendations for funding are presented to the Board of Trustees of the James P. Wilmot Foundation at foundation's annual spring meeting, and applicants are notified of the Foundation's decision in May for a July 1st starting date.

The Application:

Applications must contain the following information and in the following order *in one PDF file:*

- A **completed face page** followed by a complete and updated **biographical sketch** that includes all previous research and educational experiences, honors, previous professional positions and employment, membership in professional or academic organizations, and previous abstracts, publications, and presentations.
- **Personal Statement:** (1 page) Applicants should describe their short-term and future career goals and indicate how their previous research interests, experiences and training influenced their decision to pursue a cancer research career.

Additionally, post-doctoral fellowship applicants should define their commitment to a career in cancer research.

- An **Abstract** (1/2 page) that describes the topic and area of research, and the overall goals of the research project, should preface the research protocol.
- The proposed **Research Project** should be succinctly described in 5 pages, and should contain the following components: a) an **Introduction and Background** that lays the foundation of the research; b) the **Specific Aims** of the research; c) the **Experimental Approaches** to accomplish the research aims and the intended outcomes; d) brief description of the **Methods** to be utilized.
- The **mentor(s)** for postdoctoral fellowship applicants must include their current biographical sketch, a description of the training environment, and a career development plan and a letter of recommendation for the applicant that describes the mentor's perception of his or her potential for success in research.
- Two additional **letters of recommendation** are required for the post-doctoral fellowship applicants. These should be provided by individuals who are acquainted with an applicant and who can specifically comment on an applicant's potential for future success as an independent cancer researcher.

Please note that this proposal does not need to be routed internally.

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