

The Faculty Innovation Fund supports research of **tenure-track, assistant professors** with a primary appointment in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The goal of this fund is to stimulate innovative research that will strengthen faculty members' ability to compete for extramural funding. **The deadline for the next round of Faculty Innovation Fund applications is January 15, 2010.** Application preparation information and other details are provided below.

The 2009 Faculty Innovation Fund Awardees were: Adam Spira (MH); Jurgen Bosch (BMB); and Gypsamber D'Souza (EPI).

What is the Faculty Innovation Fund?

The maximum award is \$35,000 and there are generally 3 to 5 awarded per year. Pilot studies that can be leveraged into competitive grant applications are particularly consistent with the goals of this fund. Applications for collaborative projects are permitted if both PIs fulfill eligibility criteria. Awards can be used to purchase equipment, supplies, pay student salaries, and support other research needs. Salary support is also permitted, as long as the amount of salary support requested is matched by the Department. This Departmental commitment should be evidenced by a letter from the Chair of the Department.

If the proposal for the Faculty Innovation Fund is part of a larger grant, there should be an explanation of the larger grant and how this proposal fits into it. Awards are for one-year of support, with a possibility of a one-year renewal using the same mechanism described below. One person can only receive one award (including one renewal) per career.

All areas of scientific inquiry are eligible for this award. However, some of the Faculty Innovation Fund Awards may be designated as candidates for specific, additional funding opportunities:

- Ho-Ching Yang Memorial Faculty Award. Supports projects involved in cancer research that have particular importance to improving the health of populations.
- The Richard L. Gelb Cancer Prevention Fund. Supports research efforts in cancer prevention that assist in translating those findings into practical strategies and programs.
- The Gustav J. Martin Innovative Research Fund. Supports innovative research on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- Health Policy & Management targeted fund. Supports innovative research in health policy, management, and finance.

How do I apply?

The application deadline is January 15th, 2010. Two hard copies of applications should be delivered to the Office of Graduate Education and Research (W1033) on or before the submission deadline. Awards will begin May 1st of each year. Please indicate on your application if you are competing for one of the three specific awards mentioned above.

What is the application format?

The body of the application can be no longer than five single-spaced pages and contain the following: abstract, introduction, specific aims, methods, and significance, and any relevant preliminary data or information. The significance section should include how this work will aid in your career development as an independent investigator, as well as how it could generate further research and grant submissions. The application should also include an NIH-format biographical sketch, a proposed budget, other support page, figures and references as appropriate. The latter are not included in the five page limit. In the case of applications for a second year of support, the body of the application should also include a progress report. Decisions to renew awards are strongly influenced by evidence of productivity during the prior year and a compelling rationale for additional funding. If you are submitting a revised application from a prior round, you should clearly indicate how the application was modified.

How are awards decided?

Applications will be reviewed by the School's Faculty Innovation Fund award Committee, consisting of School of Public Health faculty members. Award recipients will be contacted shortly after the review meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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