Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center  
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

The McKay Endowed Faculty Fellowship

The McKay Endowed Faculty Fellowship is made possible with a generous gift from Robert and Anne McKay and the University of Washington Matching Gift Program. This Faculty Fellowship was proposed to enhance the University’s ability to recruit/retain faculty and provide opportunities for professional development for faculty in the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center. The intention of the McKay Faculty Fellowship is to support cellular-level research on the causes, prevention or remediation of hearing or vestibular loss. Robert McKay was particularly interested in cellular imaging. When he found out that NIDCD P30 support for the Bloedel digital microscopy facility was ending, he knew this was what he wanted to support.

Conditions

1. The applicant must be a University of Washington faculty member and an affiliate of the Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center.
2. Candidates should be faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding potential for scholarly and professional contributions in cellular biology in hearing or vestibular loss.
3. The award must be used to continue cellular research in the area of the causes, prevention and remediation of hearing or vestibular loss.
4. The appointee will receive up to $5,000.
5. The appointment is for one year.

Use of Funds

1. Research expenses and are intended to primarily cover cellular imaging costs. These can include either acquisition of new equipment or use of existing facilities.
2. Using the funds at the Digital Microscopy Center in CHDD Clinic Building/ Room CD 175 is preferred; use of other facilities will be considered. Training requirements may apply.

Instructions for preparing your application:

1. Include a signed cover letter from the applicant addressed to the “Affiliate Liaison Committee” and the Dean of the School of Medicine.
2. Written proposal (maximum 5 pages) to include the following:
   a. A statement about how the appointment will enhance present and future research contributions in cellular-level research of the causes, prevention or remediation of hearing or vestibular loss.
   b. An outline of the research plan for the year, including an itemized budget.
   c. A statement of how the research addresses the mission of VMBHRC.
   d. References will not be included in the page count for the 5-page proposal
3. Curriculum Vitae (please do not submit this in NIH Biosketch format).

Please submit proposals as one single document in pdf form to:
   Subject Line: McKay Faculty Fellowship
   To: Wendy James – wsjames@uw.edu Cc: Jay Rubinstein – rubinj@uw.edu

The Affiliate Liaison Committee (ALC) and the Director of the Center will review the applications. The ALC will vote on the merits of the applicants and a final candidate will be selected. This candidate’s name will be sent to the Dean of the School of Medicine. The final recommendation for appointment shall be made by the Dean of the School of Medicine, or by his or her designee.

Call or email with questions to Wendy James at 303.941.4952, or wsjames@uw.edu