

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2019

TO: Pediatric Fellows
Division Fellowship Directors

FROM: Michele Kong, M.D.

RE: Dixon Fellowship Program

The Department of Pediatrics is now seeking applications for the Dixon Fellowship Training Program for the 2019 academic year. The Dixon Foundation endows this Pediatric fellowship training program to prepare, train, and support fellows who intend to pursue an academic career with research emphasis in approved Pediatric subspecialties. Proposals can range from basic and translational science to education or QI-centric research. As part of this prestigious award, recipients benefit from salary support and an additional \$5,000 per year discretionary funds to support research and continuing education activities.

Candidates are selected on a competitive basis, and selection is made upon a Review Committee's analysis of the written application. For the academic year starting in July 2019, we will select three candidates who will be starting their second or third year of training. The initial award is for a period of one year with continued support contingent upon annual review of the fellow's progress.

The application must be submitted as a complete packet and include the following items:

1. The applicant's current curriculum vitae;
2. A one-page (maximum) detailed description of the applicant's career plan. This should include short-range objectives while in training at UAB (e.g., MSPH training, additional course work, etc.) as applicable, as well as long-range objectives for academic career accomplishments. An explanation of how the Dixon award will facilitate the achievement of these objectives should be included.
3. A five-page (maximum) detailed research plan, including hypothesis, specific aims, significance and preliminary work (if applicable). Discussion of the research environment, including the research mentor(s), should be provided. You do not need to include a budget but please indicate the source of research support.
4. Two letters of support from faculty members other than the division director and the research mentor(s);
5. A written statement from the applicant's division director in support of the application, including an evaluation of strengths which make the applicant an outstanding candidate;
6. Letter from the applicant's mentor(s) (two-page maximum) defining his/her commitment to prepare the applicant for an academic career and a description of the proposed training program with emphasis on the research plan. Information

should be provided on how the fellow's research will be differentiated from that of the mentor(s) (e.g., "ownership" of the project by the fellow). If more than one research mentor is cited in the application, letters from all mentors should be included.

Applications should be emailed to cmallette@peds.edu or delivered to Clare Mallette in 5 Dearth Tower, Suite 5606, McWane Bldg, no later than April 12th. The new Dixon Fellows will be announced by the end of May, 2019.

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