

Office of Research

Dr. James W. Woods Junior Faculty Awards

Overview and Nomination Process

Overview: From a trust fund established by the late Dr. James W. Woods, the goal of this award is to support and retain promising young members of the medical school clinical faculty.

Term: One year

Award Amount: \$3,000 to support the recipient's research and scholarship. The award should not be used as a supplement to the salary of the recipient or as a substitute for a portion of the salary. The funds of the award can be used, for example, to purchase equipment or supplies, for support of technical help, for travel to scientific meetings / other institutions, or for purchase of reprints of scientific papers.

Nomination Timeline

- Call for nominations released on June 30, 2023
- Nominations due by **September 4, 2023**
- Award announced by October 2, 2023

Award recipients will be expected to give a talk as part of UNC Research Week that will take place from October 23, 2023 – October 27, 2023

Eligibility

- Full time, clinical faculty who have held a UNC faculty appointment for at least three years.
- Fixed term and tenure track assistant professors are eligible

Nomination Materials

- Curriculum vitae with a complete list of publications
- A nomination letter* from a faculty sponsor and a letter of support from the candidate's Chair *only if* the Chair is not the nominator
- (OPTIONAL) One or two more supporting letters from other faculty
- A three page proposal outlining a single research project; should demonstrate the candidate's capacity to formulate a focused research plan:
 - Abstract (one page) of the research plan including the specific aims of the project
 - Research proposal (two pages) providing the rationale, background,

and preliminary data upon which the project is based (a brief section describing the proposed methods of procedure should indicate how data will be analyzed and interpreted)

- A description of past research accomplishments (no more than one page)
- A description of the teaching, clinical, or service activities planned for the next several years (no more than one page)
- (OPTIONAL) Appendix: material is limited to essential preliminary data and either reprints or the title and abstract page from three relevant articles published by the applicant.

* Instructions to Nominators – Nominators should provide a written statement in support of the nomination setting forth his/her reasons for believing that the candidate would be particularly suitable for the award. The nominator may wish to support the nomination by requesting one or two additional faculty members to write letters of recommendation for the candidate.

Proposals that exceed the recommended page limits will be returned to the applicants. Proposals should be prepared in size 12 font with a minimum of .5" margins on each side.

Nominations should be submitted electronically as a single PDF via e-mail to OoR_Submissions@med.unc.edu

The Dean will make final appointment decisions with the advice and recommendation of the Review Committee.