

Jefferson-Pilot Fellowships in Academic Medicine

Overview and Nomination Process

Overview: Through the generosity of the Jefferson-Pilot Corporation, Jefferson-Pilot Fellows are selected each year in order to retain promising junior faculty at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Importantly, Fellows are given public recognition for prior achievements and the School of Medicine's recognition and confidence in his or her future.

Fellowship term: Four years unless the recipient's position on the faculty is terminated prior to expiration of the Fellowship.

Award amount: \$20,000 over a four-year period (\$5,000 per year) to support the recipient's scholarly endeavors. 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.

This monetary award allows recipients to explore new ideas, new ways of teaching students, treating patients, or investigating biological problems that may not be available from other granting agencies.

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 faculty who have held a UNC faculty appointment for at least three years
- Fixed term and tenure track assistant and associate professors (without tenure) 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.