

## BLOOMFIELD EARLY CAREER PROFESSORSHIP IN CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

### CRITERIA

Objective: To encourage and support early-stage, independent investigators in developing high quality and competitive cardiovascular research programs. Investigation must be related to cardiovascular diseases and can be basic, clinical, translational, epidemiologic or public health-related, and includes stroke.

Duration: 2 years, with an optional third year of funding contingent on review of second year progress report.

Amount: \$45,000/academic year (funds will be available on July 1).

Selection Process:

- Applications will be solicited 6 months prior to funding.
- A standardized application must be used by applicants.
- A Letter of Intent will be due by March 1; the LOIs will be reviewed by the CVRI Board and suitable applicants (generally 3-5) will be asked to submit complete applications which will be due by April 15.
- Each application will receive an in-depth review by a CVRI Board member or Distinguished Investigator and an external reviewer, and will then be reviewed by the CVRI Board.
- The CVRI Board will provide a recommendation to the Dean, which will include a summary of the process, justification for selection, copies of the in-depth reviews, and a summary of the Board discussion. The Dean will review the materials and, if in agreement, forward the materials to the Provost for action.
- Subsequent renewal for a third year will be made by the Board of Directors of the CVRI. A simple majority will be considered sufficient.

Eligibility / Selection Criteria:

- At the time of professorship activation, the applicant must be at the UVM Assistant Professor level and within the first 5 years of faculty appointment.
- Applicants must be full time/salaried at the University of Vermont or University of Vermont Medical Center.
- Applications are subject to competitive review. In all cases, major consideration is given to: 1) The ability of the funds to strengthen the applicant's research program, productivity and advance the career progression of the applicant, 2) The outstanding potential of the existing and proposed research program, 3) The investigator's experience and productivity based on submitted application materials.
- If applicable, IACUC or IRB approval must be in place prior to the July 1 start date of the professorship.

Restrictions:

- If an investigator has departmental or extramural funding, the specific aims of the research planned as part of the Bloomfield Early Career Professorship in Cardiovascular Research should be distinct from already established support and clearly establish the need for additional funding.
- An investigator can only obtain the professorship once.
- An applicant who is unsuccessful in obtaining the professorship may, in subsequent years, resubmit the same or a similar application or submit a substantially different application.