

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE WOHLGEMUTH CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Department of Medicine Wohlgemuth Cardiology Research Fellowship fosters the research mission of the department by providing funds to support promising investigators and innovative research related to heart disease. This request for proposals is targeted at trainees, early career faculty or later stage faculty newly pursuing research to provide funds for highly meritorious, milestone-driven research that will enhance the awardee's competitiveness for future extramural funding proposals and research productivity. Grants will support research focused on the causes, mechanisms, epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease. Applications focused on basic/translational science, health services, and clinical research will be accepted.

Eligibility

Principal investigators must be full-time (0.75 FTE or greater), Department of Medicine trainees or faculty in any Division. Trainees who are eligible include postdoctoral (eg, PhD or MD) and clinical fellows (eg, MD, DO). Faculty members are eligible who are assistant professors in their first 5 years of their faculty appointment or associate professor rank who are initiating a research program for the first time during their appointment.

Award Budget and Project Period

Applicants may request up to \$40,000 total for a period of up to 2 years. Funds may be used to support salary/benefits for faculty, staff and/or trainees with a primary appointment in the Department of Medicine, equipment essential for completion of the proposed studies, and other study related expenses specific to the project/field of study. Funds can only be used to support research conducted at the University of Vermont.

Submission/Deadline

All applicants must submit a letter of intent to Tina Mazuzan (Tina.Mazuzan@uvmhealth.org) by **January 1, 2022**, which should include the expected title of the application. This LOI will be used to assist with identification of peer review expertise. All application materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file by **February 2, 2022**. It is the PI's responsibility to assure that all necessary components of the application are included, and the application is received on time. Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the content and suitability of their proposals with Dr. Michael Toth (Vice Chair for Research; michael.toth@med.uvm.edu). Details on the application are provided [here](#).

Application Review Information

Applications are subject to competitive review by the Department of Medicine Research Committee overseen by the Vice Chair for Research. Each application will be reviewed by multiple committee members and/or external reviewers. The Chair of the Research Committee will report all applicants' scores to the Department Chair who will make the final funding decision. In all cases, major consideration will be given to 1) the ability of the funds to strengthen future extramural funding applications and advance the applicant's research program, 2) the potential of the existing and proposed research program, and 3) the investigator's experience, productivity, and potential.