



Medical Scholars Research Fellowship (MSRF)

OVERVIEW



- PSSF is a nonprofit with the mission to address the urgent need to grow and diversify the workforce of physician-scientists
- PSSF's Medical Scholars Research Fellowship (MSRF) commences its first year in 2023. The fellowship provides research opportunities and mentoring to awarded medical students
- Applications for the MSRF inaugural cohort are currently open through January 11, 2023, and the candidate selection process will take place from January to March 2023
- The MSRF reviewer committee consists of PSSF board members and a distinguished group of volunteer reviewers

PSSF Leadership

The PSSF was established by a small group of practicing physician-scientists, Nobel laureates, and senior pharmaceutical executives who share a passion for encouraging the training of biomedical researchers and continuing the advancement of physician-scientist research efforts.

PSSF Founders and Board of Directors:

- Robert Lefkowitz, MD
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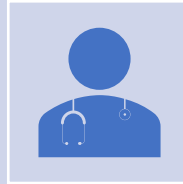
New Board Members:

- Paul A. Insel, MD
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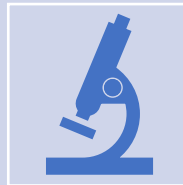
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Goals and Objectives



Revitalize, grow and support the career pathway for physician-scientists by providing medical students with opportunities to spend dedicated gap year for basic research.



Increase the pipeline of future physician-scientists by training medical students in rigorous scientific bench work.

Program Information



The fellowship supports one year of mentored, rigorous research training in fundamental biomedical research.



The fellows attend an online journal club and discuss various biomedical topics led by established physician-scientists.



The fellowship offers an end-of-the-year meeting where fellows present their work and participate in mentoring/career guidance workshops.



The fellowship provides a mentoring program that includes guidance in residency selection and ongoing career advice.

Program Information

STIPEND AND ALLOWANCES

For the 2023 fellowship year, the total amount awarded to each Medical Student Fellow is \$50,000. The annual stipend is \$42,000. In addition to the stipend, the award includes an allowance of \$8,000 for health insurance and travel expenses.

LOCATION OF STUDY

Students must choose an academic or nonprofit research institution in the United States as their fellowship institution, except for a government laboratory. The fellowship institution need not be the student's medical school.

AREA OF RESEARCH

The proposed project must be in the basic, translational, or applied biomedical sciences. PSSF does not fund clinical research, health services, or health policy research.

NUMBER OF POSITIONS

Funding for 5-6 secured for 2023

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants **must be nominated by the medical school Dean**. The medical school Dean can nominate **only one** applicant in any competition year.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a medical school in the United States.

Applicants enrolled in an MD/Ph.D. program, a Ph.D. program, a Pharm.D., and an ScD in a laboratory-based science will not be eligible.

The MSRF is Open to United States citizens and U.S. permanent residents only.

All students must conduct 12 months of continuous, full-time laboratory research with minimal interruptions.

Prior research experience is not required.

The PSSF is committed to promoting diversity in science and research. We strongly encourage applications from members of minority groups underrepresented in medicine and science.

Evaluation and Selection Criteria



Fellowships are awarded based on the applicant's potential to become a physician-scientist and how the year-out experience will enhance such potential.



The applicant's ability and promise are assessed through the personal statement and proposed research plan.



Quality of training is evaluated through the research plan and information provided in the mentor's endorsement, including the mentor's Research qualifications.

PROGRAM DATES

- Online Application Open: September 1, 2022
- Application Deadline: January 11, 2023
- Finalist Interview: March 2, 2023
- Notification Date: March 15, 2023
- Acceptance Deadline: March 29, 2023
- Start Date: June or July 2023

Additional information can be found on our website below:

[MSRF | The Physician-Scientist Support Foundation \(thepssf.org\)](https://thepssf.org)

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