

**Department of Pediatrics**

<b>Funding Opportunity Title</b>	UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute <b>William F. Friedman Fellowship Award</b>
<b>Release Date</b>	February 3, 2021
<b>Application Due Date</b>	<b>April 1, 2021 – Thursday (11:59pm)</b>
<b>Funding Period</b>	<b>July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Funding Amount</b>	Up to ~\$41K per award (includes \$7K for Core Facilities, Research Related Supplies)
<b>Application Process</b>	<b>One PDF document of complete application (see details below)</b> submitted by email to Jaspreet (Jessie) Saini, Administrative Specialist, UCLA CDI Institute. For submission, instructions and questions concerning this funding opportunity, please contact Jessie at <a href="mailto:jsaini@mednet.ucla.edu">jsaini@mednet.ucla.edu</a> or 310.206.2476.

The Department of Pediatrics and the UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute (CDI Institute) at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine encourage child health research and training across the spectrum of basic, translational, clinical and health services research.

One of the major goals of the CDI Institute is to train pediatric subspecialty physician-scientists who will focus on improving the fundamental understanding of pediatric diseases and devising innovative approaches for treatment. Through the generous support of the Friedman family, the **William F. Friedman Fellowship Awards** were established to provide key support for salary and \$7K research/travel to competitively selected UCLA pediatric scholars in their second and third years of training. This funding is for one year. **Current Friedman/Harry Winston Awardees cannot reapply but are encouraged to apply to established T32 programs at UCLA.**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

1. UCLA Pediatric Fellows in their second or third year of fellowship **starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**
2. The project must be in a field relevant to pediatrics and may be in a basic, translational, clinical or health services area of research focused on promoting or improving children's health.
3. Dedicated 75% protected time towards the research project is strongly encouraged.
4. Plan to submit extramural grant applications post fellowship training.
5. Fellow's career goal must be in academic pediatrics targeting a research oriented faculty appointment upon completion of fellowship.
6. Mentors must be principal investigators on a non-mentored NIH grant or equivalent.
7. Fellows with 100% concurrent funding are not eligible.
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**Grant Format/Submission:**

For *sample* guidance on preparing the Research Training Plan and understanding the NIH Review Criteria that will be followed for this internal funding mechanism, refer to the appropriate sections in the NIH F32 RFA for individual fellowships: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-149.html>

In order to be considered for review, applications must meet the format requirements, detailed below, and should include (*in this order, compiled as a single PDF file no larger than 2MB\**):

1. Face page (template provided below) with the fellow's name and year of fellowship, fellow's division/institution, email, telephone, fellowship director, mentor's name, mentor's department/division, title of the project, and scientific *and* layman abstracts (maximum 200 words for each)
2. NIH Biosketch for the fellow and mentor
3. Scientific proposal including any figures or tables (**5-page limit**; single-spaced, Arial 11 font with 0.5 inch margins on NIH continuation page form)
4. References
5. One page statement from the applicant regarding immediate and future career plans and names of their Scholarship Oversight Committee members.
6. Letter from the Scientific Mentor regarding career development and provision of laboratory/research resources.
7. Letter from the Division Chief regarding the candidate and their 75% or more protected time.
8. Other support for expected funding period.
9. Email stating pending T32 grants.

*\*If the application includes high resolution images, these must be reduced to meet the size limit for the compiled single PDF file (2MB). Submit the Layman Summary also as a separate Word file.*

Submit to:

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Administrative Specialist,  
CDI Institute [jsaini@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:jsaini@mednet.ucla.edu)

**Other Details:**

1. The application will be peer reviewed according to the NIH scoring system and criteria for individual fellowships.
2. The peer review is based on the potential of the candidate to be successful in an academic career, the significance and approach of the science proposed, the proposed mentorship and the scientific environment provided by the mentor, and the detailed training and career plans.
3. Fellows must have a Scholarship Oversight Committee in place.
4. Awardees are expected to present their research findings at the CDI Institute Annual Symposium and other CDI sponsored events as well as at a national pediatric or subspecialty meeting.
5. **First annual progress report is due May 1, 2022**; periodic updates will be requested for CDI reports.
6. This proposal does *not* need to be submitted to Finance and Research Administration for review.
7. No budget is required, but the scope of work should be appropriate for a one-year project and the funds will be used entirely for the fellow's salary, core facilities, research related supplies and travel.

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