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Overview

Through a generous gift from the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is recruiting a junior faculty physician-scientist to perform research in the area of Central Nervous System (CNS) cancers or cancer treatment-related neurotoxicities including pain and/or cognitive deficits.

The primary goal of the McNair Scholars Program is to provide support and guidance for junior faculty members over a period of eight years with 80% dedicated effort in the laboratory performing relevant translational research. During this interval, physician-scientist will continue to provide care for cancer patients. Upon successful completion, the physician-scientist will have established her/himself as an independent investigator with multiple important publications who has competed successfully for external grant funding, on a path to becoming one of tomorrow's leaders in neuro-oncology and neurotoxicity research.

Eligibility

Candidates must be within three years from their first faculty appointment at the academic rank of assistant professor, term tenure-track, within or outside the MD Anderson faculty. At least two years of research experience is required. The candidate should have evidence of commitment to scholarly activity and proof of scientific accomplishments. Individuals who are currently principal investigators on a NIH R01 or comparable research grant are not eligible to apply. The successful candidate should be board-qualified or board-eligible in a clinical specialty relevant to the applicant’s research.

Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Candidates must be a U.S. citizen or a non-citizen national, or must have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence and possess verification of legal admission as a permanent U.S. resident at the time of acceptance to the program. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible to apply.

Candidates can already be members of the faculty or may be recruited from outside as assistant professors, term tenure-track. The program has already provided a major mechanism for recruiting exceptional physician-scientists from other major universities.

Scope and Curriculum

Physician-scientists devote 20% effort to patient care responsibilities and 80% protected effort to research activities. Dedicated research training and a senior faculty mentor/supervisor are assigned from among basic scientists in the institution. A faculty mentor from a clinical department is also desirable.

Program Resources

The program will be funded by the McNair Foundation for a total of eight years as follows: $500,000 in years one, two, three and four and $100,000 in years five, six, seven and eight. Scholars will be eligible for additional resources provided by the institution.

Application

Please provide a CV and 1-2 page synopsis of planned research by April 30, 2020 to Jene’ Reinartz at jreinartz@mdanderson.org.

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