

Medical Pelotonia Scholar Eligibility and Scoring Criteria

Pelotonia is a grassroots bike tour with one goal: to end cancer. 100% of the funds raised by this groundbreaking event go to innovative and lifesaving cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. In its first 14 years, Pelotonia has raised over \$258 million and \$2.1 million per year has been dedicated to train our most promising students who will help cure cancer.

Cancer is a complex disease and curing it will take a multidisciplinary effort. So no matter what your field of discipline, the Pelotonia Scholar Program wants YOU to contribute to the fight against cancer. For your contribution, the program will pay you a competitive fellowship stipend (\$34K) for 1 year. Up to 2 fellowships are available to fund the most promising Ohio State College of Medicine students and recent graduates.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Awards are available for 1 year of dedicated full-time research.
- Applicant must be a recent graduate or enrolled in Ohio State College of Medicine
- Applicant must propose a cancer related project and be working under the supervision of an Ohio State university researcher.

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Applicant strengths and research potential (40%)
- Mentor/advisor qualifications/training record (40%)
- Innovativeness and impact of the project relevant to cancer (20%)

Pelotonia: If awarded, the awardee and their mentor will be expected to participate in Pelotonia. The awardee may register as a student rider for the discounted fund-raising minimum. If the awardee or mentor is unable to ride in Pelotonia, they are still required to register as a rider with the same fundraising expectations. (\$1250)

Matching Fee: A \$4,000 annual matching contribution to The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center's Pelotonia Scholar Program will be required for each award. Options for fulfilling this requirement are numerous. We suggest this be split between the mentor/advisor and the home department of the mentor/advisor but may come from any combination of funds from the college, department, graduate program, student's advisor, mentor's lab or development funds etc. (please contact us if you need additional suggestions)

Publications: Awardee should make all research results available to the public without restriction, except as is required in the interest of national security. Awardee understands that all abstracts, publications, and presentations resulting from research supported by the Pelotonia Scholar Program must contain the acknowledgment, "This work was supported by the Pelotonia Fellowship Program. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions expressed in this material are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect those of the Pelotonia Scholar Program."

Other Fellowships / Scholarships/Employment: Awardees generally may not receive funds concurrently from any other fellowship, scholarship, employment, or similar award that is intended as the primary or sole source of research support. Additional awards that are intended as supplemental or partial funding may be acceptable. This may include off-campus activities that provide minor compensation to cover travel, relocation, and local cost of living expenses.

Research Support Funding: Awardees are permitted to solicit and accept support from any appropriate sources for research expenses connected with fellowship activities such as laboratory supplies, travel, conference fees, or subscriptions.

Medical Scholars: As a Pelotonia scholar, you must be enrolled for a minimum of three credit hours each semester you are on appointment. It is expected that enrollments will be limited to research and departmental seminars; however, awardees may register for other degree-related coursework with adviser approval. The Pelotonia Award may not be used to support any coursework taken for another degree program. While on appointment you may not hold any other type of employment/appointment.

Early Termination: The award may be terminated early by the scholar without penalty, but any unpaid stipend will be forfeited. Intent to terminate an award must be communicated immediately to the Pelotonia Scholar Program manager. The university may terminate for any reason in its sole discretion.

Income Taxes: Your stipend becomes available on the last day of each month and is subject to federal and state income taxes. Specific questions regarding taxation of fellowship funding should be referred to the US Internal Revenue Service. Scholars must bear the responsibility of paying any tax, domestic or foreign, when due. Fellows are not in any sense salaried employees of The Ohio State University. Fellows may find it helpful to consult Internal Revenue Service Publications No. 520, Scholarships and Fellowships, No. 920, and, if abroad, No. 54, Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad, These are available at <http://www.irs.gov>

Final Report: All active scholars are expected to be making progress on their project and are required to submit a final report. This report should be brief and informative. Detailed descriptions of research protocols are not necessary. Major highlights such as publications, awards, patents, or discoveries are particularly useful.

Yearly Updates: Awardees are expected to submit yearly updates to the program. The award is a cancer research training program and it is critical to our funding that we track your success.

Annual Symposium: All awardees and their mentors will be required to participate in an annual symposium that may include posters, presentations, and guest lecturers.

Change in Field of Study or Research Plan: Minor changes in a scholar's research project may be made without the approval of the Scholar Program. A major change in a project -- one that alters the project to the extent that it is significantly different from that originally submitted with the Fellowship application (e.g., a change in major field of study) -- requires the prior approval of the Pelotonia Fellowship Program. If a scholar changes labs, they need to end their fellowship and recomplete with the new mentor/project.

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