PELOTONIA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES:

Overview: The Pelotonia Fellowship Program is a cancer research fellowship program developed to train the most promising cancer scientists at The Ohio State University. This fellowship program will fund training for undergraduate, graduate, and medical students and postdoctoral fellows at The Ohio State University.

Purpose: The purpose of the Pelotonia Fellowship Training Program is to provide fellowships to promising OSU cancer researchers who have the potential to become productive and successful independent research investigators. The proposed training will offer an opportunity to enhance the applicant’s understanding of cancer research by doing research; attending classes, seminars, journal clubs and symposiums; and interacting with other groups and scientists.

Eligibility: Applicants must have passed their candidacy exam before funding begins.

Stipends: Awards provide 2 year stipends to fellows as a subsistence allowance during the research training experience. Fellows are in no way considered employees of The Ohio State University, therefore the awards are not provided as a condition of employment with The Ohio State University. Appointments will start autumn semester and monthly stipends will be available on the last day of each month.

Publications: Fellows should make all research results available to the public without restriction, except as is required in the interest of national security. Fellows understand that all abstracts, publications, and presentations resulting from research supported by the Pelotonia Fellowship 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 Fellowship Program."

Other Fellowships / Scholarships/Employment: Fellows 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: Fellows 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.

Graduate Fellowships: As a Pelotonia fellow, 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, fellows may register for other degree-related coursework with adviser approval. The Pelotonia Fellowship 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. Eligibility for a Pelotonia Graduate Fellowship is contingent upon the Graduate School providing fee authorizations to cover payment of your academic tuition and fees (learning technology fees, student activity fees, parking and/or other “special” fees are not included).

Early Termination: This fellowship may be terminated early without penalty but any unpaid stipend will be forfeited. Intent to terminate a fellowship must be communicated immediately to the fellowship program director.

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. Fellows 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, and also. These are available at [http://www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

**Progress (Reports):** All active fellows are expected to be making progress on their project and are required to submit an Annual Progress Report. These reports should normally be brief and informative. Detailed descriptions of research protocols are not necessary. Major highlights such as publications, awards, patents, or discoveries are particularly useful.

**Annual Symposium:** All fellows will be required to participate in an annual symposium that will include posters, presentations and guest lecturers.

**Participation in Pelotonia:** The fellow and fellow's mentor will be required to ride in Pelotonia during each year of appointment. If either the fellow or mentor is not able to ride in Pelotonia, they may choose to be a “virtual rider” instead. As a virtual rider, they will have the same expectations as a regular rider.

**Change in Field of Study or Research Plan:** Minor changes in a fellow’s research project may be made without the approval of the Fellowship 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 fellow changes labs, they need to end their fellowship and recompete with the new mentor/project.

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