

PELTONIA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES:

Overview: The Pelotonia Fellowship Program is a cancer research fellowship program developed to train the most promising cancer scientists. This fellowship program will fund training for undergraduate, graduate, and medical students and postdoctoral fellows here at OSU, Nationwide Research Foundation and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Purpose: The purpose of the Pelotonia Fellowship Training Program is to provide fellowships to promising 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.

Stipends: Postdoctoral fellowships pay a competitive annual stipend based on NIH guidelines. 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. Monthly stipends will be available on the last day of each month.

Eligibility: Postdoctoral awardees who do not qualify to be appointed as postdoctoral fellows because of their visa status will receive Pelotonia research funding and will hold the position of postdoctoral researcher. Applicants must be eligible to hold either the title of "fellow" or "researcher".

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.

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."

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.

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: Stipends becomes available on the last day of each month and are 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>

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 expected to participate in an annual symposium that will include posters, presentations and guest lecturers.

Participation in Pelotonia: Fellows and their mentors will be expected to ride in Pelotonia during each year of their fellowship. 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 re compete with the new mentor/project.