



Call for The Manton Center's 2010 Fellowship Award

The Manton Center for Orphan Disease Research is calling for Fellowship applications related to the research of orphan diseases. Orphan diseases are defined as any disease, syndrome or disorder that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States.

A Fellowship proposal qualifies as relevant to orphan disease research if it:

- i. Proposes laboratory studies on new approaches or discoveries to study basic science of relevance to an orphan disease or group of orphan diseases
- ii. Proposes laboratory or clinical studies on new approaches or discoveries to address clinical problems related to an orphan disease or group of orphan diseases
- iii. Proposes laboratory or clinical studies on new experimental or diagnostic reagents and procedures to diagnose or treat an orphan disease
- iv. Proposes laboratory studies to develop new biochemical, cellular, or animal models of human orphan disease(s)
- v. Proposes laboratory or clinical studies to adapt approaches already in place in other disciplines to address orphan disease(s)

Purpose of Fellowships in Orphan Disease Research

This Fellowship award was created to support the salary and minimal expenses of MD and/or PhD level Fellows. Fellowships of approximately \$75,000 total (after the current philanthropic overhead rate of 18%, funding for direct costs the first year will be \$61,500) will be granted for a two year term. Funding is scheduled to begin November 1, 2010.

Components of the training program

The training program for The Manton Center Fellowships will comprise of three main arms: (1) Didactic course work and clinical training, (2) Research project, and (3) Mentoring. Please see document "Manton Center Fellowship LOI Instructions" for more information.

Selection Process

Applicants may already have appointments at Children's Hospital, or they may first identify and contact a potential CH Faculty mentor with a research interest relevant to orphan disease research. The initial application will consist of a 1-2 page Letter of Intent (LOI) and a copy of the proposed Fellow's CV, to be submitted by the proposed mentor. **The deadline for receipt of the LOI will be April 25, 2010 at 11:59 PM EST.** Please see attached document "Manton Center Fellowship LOI Instructions" for more information.

After screening, the strongest applicants who best fit into the mission of The Manton Center will be invited to submit a full application, with instructions to follow.