

STRAUSS AWARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission Deadline: **Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (by 11:59 PM)**

(For clinical fellows only)

1. BACKGROUND

The Arnold W. Strauss Fellow Award sponsored by the Office of Pediatric Clinical Fellowships (OPCF), is a one-year \$10,000 funding opportunity awarded to three clinical fellows (MD/DO) based upon the merit of applications. It was instituted in 2014 in honor of Dr. Arnold Strauss' tireless efforts at advocacy and championship towards higher education at Cincinnati Children's.

2. PURPOSE OF FUNDING

The anticipated outcomes are successful transition to a NIH K award (or an equivalent award from foundations or industry if you are ineligible for NIH funding), other early career funding, and publications in peer-reviewed journals. A clear plan for how the applicant will achieve these outcomes should be included in the career development plan. Funding of all research areas will be considered.

3. FUNDING AMOUNT

The funding amount of \$10,000 must be spent within FY20, beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020. Funding will not be extended beyond June 30, 2020.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Applications will be accepted from clinical fellows (MD/DO) in any specialty at Cincinnati Children's, preferably prior to the beginning of the applicant's final year of clinical fellowship training. However, applications from clinical fellows earlier in their training will be considered. Applicant's must be employed by Cincinnati Children's.

NOTE: Dual submissions to the Strauss Award and the Global Health Award in a single year will not be accepted.

5. KEY DATES

Call for Applications:	Monday, March 4, 2019
Submission Deadline:	Wednesday, May 1, 2019 by 11:59 PM
Award Notification:	Recipients and all other candidates will be notified the week of June 17, 2019
Award Start Date:	July 1, 2019
Award End Date:	June 30, 2020

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

All applications and evaluations are considered confidential and are available to scientific reviewers and the administrative personnel from the Office of Pediatric Clinical Fellowships only.

7. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications for the Arnold W. Strauss Fellow Award must be received by **11:59 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. All applications must be submitted electronically as a single PDF document in the order listed below to Jill Loch, MEd, Manager, OPCF, at Jill.Loch@cchmc.org by the above deadline.

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FULL APPLICATION *(Submitted applications must contain the elements in the order specified below)*

I. **Face Page** [Use standard NIH format](#)

Please note that a representative from the Sponsored Programs Office (SPO) *does not* need to sign in boxes 12 and 13. Signatures obtained from the Fellowship Program Director, Mentor or Business Director/Manager is acceptable.

II. **Biographical Sketch** [Use blank biosketch non-fellowship format](#)

- a. Applicant's Biographical Sketch (5 page limit)
- b. Mentor's Biographical Sketch (5 page limit)

III. **Career Development Plan** (2 page limit)

- a. Candidate's background, career goals and objectives
- b. Career Development/Training Activities during the award period
- c. Plan for publication of research findings and how this funding will be used to transition the applicant to NIH K level or K-equivalent funding.

IV. **Specific Aims** (½ page limit)

V. **Research Plan** (4 page limit)

Explain how the proposal will address an important problem or a critical challenge in the field. Also indicate how this proposal will generate significant preliminary data needed for a subsequent grant application.

- a. Significance
- b. Innovation
- c. Approach

VI. **Budget and Justification** (½ page limit) [Detailed Budget Format](#)

- a. Justification for one year of \$10,000 funding
- b. Cannot include salary for applicant/PI salary
- c. Cannot include indirect costs
- d. Budget can be used for supplies, travel, conferences, educational materials, core services, computer software, recruitment incentives for human subjects, and/or salary for staff working on the project.

VII. **Human Subjects** (if applicable – Include all sections required for a NIH application)

VIII. **Vertebrate Animals** (if applicable – Include all sections required for a NIH application)

IX. **Scientific Mentor Information** (½ page limit)

- a. Provide information on mentor's research qualifications and previous experiences as a research supervisor.
- b. Alignment of the applicant's research plan with existing research programs.
- c. Plan for scientific mentoring and support of the applicant and how this will position the applicant for successful independent research.
- d. Description of available resources relevant to the application.

X. Literature cited

XI. Letters of Support (Two letters of support are **required**)

XII. Supplementary data will NOT be accepted

SELECTION CRITERIA

A NIH style study section consisting of physicians and scientists with expertise in the areas and topics of each proposal will review applications for scientific merit and appropriateness for funding. This diverse panel of reviewers will determine the final awardees. All applications are scored based on the NIH 9-Point Rating Scoring System.

Throughout the review process, the study section will concentrate on the following criteria:

- **Proposal Worthiness.** Does the proposal seem worthy of being funded? Does the applicant have a strong commitment to research, a clear mentorship structure in place and a distinct plan for their research proposal?
- **Significance and Innovation.** Does the research plan address an important and relevant problem to the stated career objectives? Has the applicant presented strategies to ensure a robust and unbiased approach, as appropriate for the work proposes?
- **Budget.** Is the budget appropriate and justified for the research proposed?
- **Approach.** Is the hypothesis clear and well developed? Is there a reasonable chance of completion within the time frame of the grant?
- **Probability of Aims.** What are the probabilities that the researcher will achieve the specific aims of the project? Do specific aims seem feasible in the amount of time allotted?
- **Mentor(s).** Does the mentor have background knowledge and experience related to the proposed project, with evidence of ability and commitment to mentoring? Will the research experiences in the mentored phase prepare the candidate to successfully implement the research project?
- **Future Funding.** Does the applicant have the potential for becoming an independent investigator who will successfully secure subsequent external funding?

AWARD NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions the week of June 17, 2019. All funding will be activated on July 1, 2019 and will conclude on June 30, 2020. All Strauss Award funds must be spent in FY20 and will not be extended beyond June 30, 2020.

Additionally, all applicants regardless of award status, will receive a 1-on-1 consultation with a panel member to:

- Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant's proposal.
- Receive critiques and opinions of how best to move forward with the proposal.

REPORTING

Awardees are required to submit a Mid-Year Progress Report six-months after the award start date and a Final Progress Report within 60 days after the award completion date.

For questions regarding this application, please contact:

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