

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (HUCOM) RESEARCH  
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**TO:** Howard University College of Medicine Faculty

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**DATE:** July 27, 2020

**RE:** Bridge Fund and Pilot Study Awards Program (BFPSAP)

The Howard University College of Medicine is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 **Bridge Fund and Pilot Study Awards Program (BFPSAP)**. This initiative is intended to enhance research quality and productivity of the College of Medicine as a major contributor towards our campus wide goal of increasing research quality and productivity. **BFPSAP** awards will be for a period of **12 months** beginning **November 23, 2020 through November 22, 2021**. The Office of the Associate Dean for Research (OADR) is currently accepting proposals for the 2020-2021 awards cycle. The letter of intent should be submitted by **August 27, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.**

The **BFPSAP** is designed to support meritorious research projects of faculty **who have unsuccessfully sought support from external funding agencies**. It is expected that the projects funded by the **BFPSAP** will ultimately lead to the acquisition of external grants.

Applicants must comply with the following requirements: 1) Provide proof of the submission of grant(s) to external funding agencies within the last 2 academic years; 2) Describe and justify in detail the critical studies that must be done to achieve funding success; 3) Submit a fully completed and endorsed application including the Project Submission Cover Sheet, the Budget Form with an attached Budget Justification and the Proposal Description. The applicant must meet **BFPSAP** eligibility requirements (presented below).

Eligibility requirements for applicants are as follows:

1. Applicants must hold faculty status and be employed full time at the Howard University College of Medicine or Howard University Hospital. Note: Research or Clinical Faculty members are eligible to apply, but priority will be given to tenured and tenured track faculty.
2. The following individuals are **ineligible** to serve as Principal Investigators or to apply for awards under the **BFPSAP**:
  - a. Individuals currently holding externally funded research grants
  - b. Postdoctoral employees
  - c. Research Associates or Research Assistants
  - d. Visiting or voluntary Scientists
3. Applicants may **not** be current recipients of a Bridge Fund or Pilot Study award.

The completed application must be submitted to the College of Medicine Office of the Associate Dean for Research on or before **September 28, 2020 by 3:00 p.m.** Please contact Katherine Lowe at 202-250-5247 or [com\\_research@howard.edu](mailto:com_research@howard.edu) for additional information regarding the **BFPSAP** proposal submission process.