

The Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation
Diversity in Clinical Trials Career
Development Program
(BMSF DCTCDP)
Informational Webinar

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Welcome and Agenda

Introduction

- Catharine Grimes, MBA: Senior Director, Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation (BMSF)
- Joy L. Jones, PhD: Chief Program Officer, National Medical Fellowships (NMF)
- Sybol Anderson, PhD: Director, Diversity in Research Programs, National Medical Fellowships (NMF)

Program Vision

 Robert A. Winn, MD: Director, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Massey Cancer Center; Senior Associate Dean for Cancer Innovation; Professor, Division of Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine, VCU; Chair, BMSF DCTCDP National Advisory Committee (NAC)

Program Overview

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Bristol Myers Squibb™ Foundation

Mission: To improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities for underserved populations.

Vision: A world where everyone has equitable access to high quality health care.











NMF's mission is to provide scholarships and support for students underrepresented in medicine and the health professions.

NMF's vision is to empower and support aspiring physicians and health professionals underrepresented in medicine to contribute to the health of our nation.

We envision a diverse healthcare workforce which will have the leadership, commitment and cultural competency to achieve health equity.







Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program

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The Need for Diversity in Clinical Trials

Definition of Diversity in Clinical Trials

- Engage a patient population that mirrors the epidemiology of the disease studied
- Assure the ecosystem around the trial reflects diverse populations being served (e.g., includes research sites, principal investigators, and extended care teams)
- Design in inclusivity from start

Benefits of Diversity in Clinical Trials

- Better Science. Safety and efficacy of new medicines should be assessed in the patients with the condition
- Personalized Medicine.
 Understanding the range of different responses to treatments based on genetic variations
- Data. Better inform treatment decisions by making new options available to patients
- Address disparity and inequity.

Current State of Clinical Trials

- Black Americans represent 13% of the US population but reflect only about 4% of participants in clinical trials
- Hispanics represent 16% of the US population but only about 3% of clinical trial participants
- In general, 80% of patients taking part in clinical trials are white*

*CDC Heart Disease Facts https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/facts.htm









BMSF Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program



Goals

- To transform the clinical research landscape by building and strengthening partnerships between clinical investigators and the communities where their patients reside.
- To facilitate an approach to clinical and translational research that is community-informed, designed and conducted.

Approach

- Provide training and resources to build a network of URM clinical investigators with community engagement and research skills.
- Expand the number of community-based sites with the capacity to conduct clinical and translational research.

Outcome

Increased
 participation of
 diverse patients in
 clinical and
 translational
 research.

Impact

 Improved public health through an increase in the development of new drugs, vaccines, and therapeutic products that are effective in all populations.









Key Program Elements

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	Award	\$120K/year for 2 years: Require at least 40% of Scholar's time
88	Mentoring	Scholar will be mentored by a Principal Investigator at an established clinical trial site and will substantively participate in the PI's active clinical trial
202	Training	Scholars will receive training in both: methods of clinical research (including investigator-initiated and industry-sponsored clinical trials), and in community outreach and engagement processes and methods. • A 6-Day Intensive led by AACR: Design and Implementation of Clinical Trials, a Companion Workshop to the BMSF DCTCDP • A 2-Year Community-Oriented Clinical Trialist curriculum with bi-weekly lectures by distinguished visiting faculty
	Pipeline program	Scholar will serve as a mentor to an URM medical student during the 2 nd program year. 250 URM medical students (50/year) will participate in a 6-week summer immersion program learning the basics of clinical trials and working in underserved community health settings to provide outreach, education and engagement on clinical trials
\$	Infrastructure fund	There will be an infrastructure fund that graduates of the program can tap into in order to build capacity and stand-up clinical trials sites in communities with diverse and heavily burdened patient populations









Candidate Eligibility Criteria

Candidate Profile	Eligible candidates will reflect the National Science Foundation (NSF) definition of underrepresented populations in the US Biomedical, Clinical, Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Enterprise: • African Americans or Blacks • Hispanics or Latinos • American Indians or Alaska Natives • Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders OR have a demonstrated commitment to increasing diverse patient participation in clinical trials
Citizenship or Immigration Status	Eligible candidates will be US Citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) as defined by the <u>US Department of</u> Homeland Security. O-1 & H-1B Visa holders are eligible; the visa must be valid during the full program period.
Professional Degree	Eligible candidates will hold the degree of MD, MD/PhD, DO or DO/PhD
Career Phase	<u>Early-Stage Investigator (ESI):</u> As defined by NIH, a new investigator who has completed his or her terminal research degree or medical residency - whichever date is later - within the past 10 years and has not yet competed successfully for a substantial, competing NIH research grant (Applicants with RO1 or RO1 equivalent are ineligible).

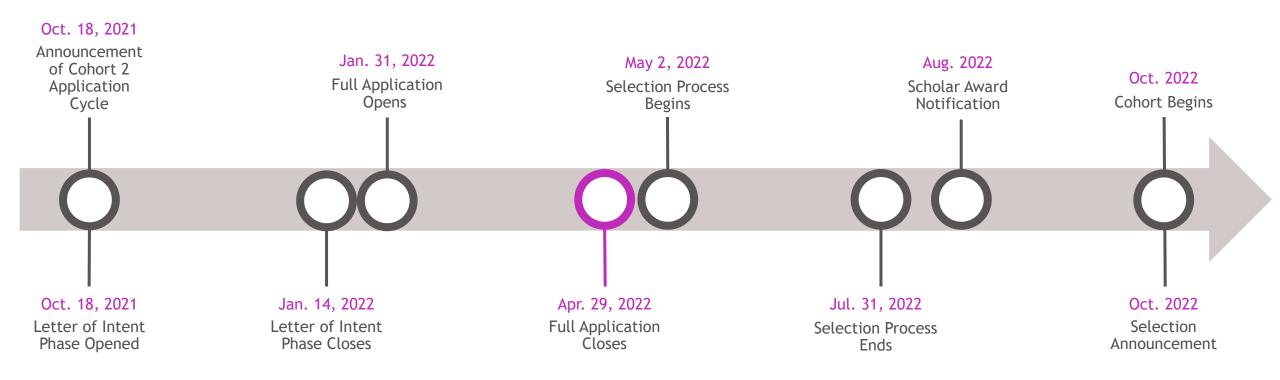








BMSF DCTCDP: Timeline*



*Dates are subject to change









How to Apply to the BMSF DCTCDP

Sybol Anderson, PhD

Director, Diversity in Research Programs, NMF









Application Process with Key Target Dates

The BMSF DCTCDP application has two steps, which includes:

- 1) submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI), and
- 2) by invitation, submission of a full Application

Letter of Intent Phase	Oct. 18, 2021 - Jan. 14, 2022
Full Application Phase	Jan. 31 - Apr. 29, 2022
Selection Process	May 2 - Jul. 31, 2022
Scholar Award Notification	Aug. 2022
Selection Announcement	Oct. 2022
Second Cohort Begins	Oct. 2022

Note: Dates are subject to change.







Letter of Intent - Step 1

- Degree Information
- Clinical Specialty
- Demographic Information
- Citizenship/Immigration Status
- Employment Information
- Institutional Support
- Identification of Mentor
- Current Sources of Funding
- Publications within the last 2-3 years
- Current CV

- Essay Question #1: Commitment to promoting diversity in clinical trials throughout career and how this program can advance abilities in doing so.
- Essay Question # 2: Experience with clinical trial design and/or participation.
- Essay Question #3: Research aspired to participate in during this program and ideas for increasing engagement of diverse patients.









BMSF DCTCDP National Advisory Committee



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QUESTIONS









Thank you for your interest in the BMSF DCTCDP!

Letter of Intent link:



Direct inquiries to: DCTCDPinfo@nmfonline.org

Program website: www.diversityinclinicaltrials.org





