NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION/ NOVO NORDISK
CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD
*Letter of Intent*

Letter of Intent Deadline:
Thursday, February 15, 2018

Application Deadline: March 30, 2018
Award Start Date: July 2, 2018

Established through funding by NHF in 1972, the Judith Graham Pool (JGP) Postdoctoral Research Fellowships have provided a long legacy of support for basic science and pre-clinical research in bleeding disorders. In 1965, Dr. Pool discovered a method of extracting clotting factor from human plasma to formulate cryoprecipitate. This breakthrough opened the door to a series of research developments that would revolutionize treatment for hemophilia and ultimately lead to its management through recombinant replacement factor and current extended half-life therapies.

Eligibility Requirements
Candidates for the JGP Postdoctoral Research Fellowship must have completed doctoral training and apply for the JGP fellowship from a doctoral, postdoctoral, internship or residency training program. **Individuals with greater than six years of experience since completing doctoral training are not eligible.** Established investigators or faculty members are also not eligible.

U.S. citizenship is not required, but prospective candidates must be affiliated with a U.S.-based organization (such as a university, college, hospital, government agency and/or lab). Only investigators associated with a non-commercial institution will be eligible for NHF grant funding.

The JGP fellowship recipient will be expected to spend at least 80% of their working time on the funded research project. The remaining 20% may be devoted to teaching and/or other clinical/research work at their institution. The JGP award recipient and his/her mentor(s) are expected to remain with their institution for the duration of the project being funded. Letters of support signed by appropriate officials of the institution will be required as part of the application.

Funding
NHF will award up to $42,000/year for a maximum of two years. Continuation for the second JGP year will be based upon the submission of progress reports and a continuation application.
Scope of Research
Permissible proposal topics include pre-clinical or basic science research on the biochemical, genetic or hematologic aspects of hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, or other inherited bleeding disorder. Other topics might include focus on hepatitis/liver disease, HIV/AIDS, joint disease/orthopedics, women’s health, or other therapeutic modalities pertaining to bleeding disorders.

LOI Deadline
NHF encourages all interested and eligible candidates to submit a ‘JGP Letter of Intent’ no later than 5:00 pm Eastern on Thursday February 15, 2018. Letters will not be accepted after the 5PM EST deadline on February 15, 2018.

Addressed to “Dear Members of NHF’s Research Review Committee” “LOIs should be at least 1.5 and no more than 2.5 pages in length. All LOIs need to be signed by the applicant and submitted on their current institution’s letterhead. The LOI content should include a brief introduction of the candidate, his/her mentor(s) and a description of the proposed JGP research project. All LOIs must be accompanied by a NIH-style biosketch for the JGP candidate and his/her primary mentor(s).

Email the JGP LOIs to Dr. Michelle Witkop @ mwitkop@hemophilia.org

JGP LOIs will be reviewed based on candidate eligibility and relevance of the proposed research to the field of bleeding disorders. Upon receiving approval, selected candidates will have until March 30, 2018 to submit a full JGP application. JGP applications are subjected to a rigorous peer review process. These JGP applications will be evaluated by members of NHF’s Research Grants Review Committee. Proposals are reviewed on scientific merit and scored in the areas of project significance, scientific approach, innovation, investigator qualifications and research environment.

Inquiries
Questions regarding NHF’s JGP Postdoctoral Fellowships can be answered on NHF’s website JGP award: https://www.hemophilia.org/Researchers-Healthcare-Providers/Research-Grant-Programs/Judith-Graham-Pool-Postdoctoral-Research-Fellowships

All other inquiries can be directed to Dr. Michelle Witkop, Head of Research, National Hemophilia Foundation at mwitkop@hemophilia.org or by phone at 347-541-2963.