

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

M. Irené Ferrer Scholar Award in Gender-Specific Medicine

The Foundation for Gender-Specific Medicine and the Department of Medicine are pleased to announce the Call for Proposals for the annual \$60,000 M. Irené Ferrer Scholar Award in Gender-Specific Medicine. Dr. Ferrer was a cardiologist and medical educator who helped refine the cardiac catheter and electrocardiogram, which became diagnostic essentials in the treatment of heart disease. She joined the faculty of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1946, was promoted to the rank of Professor of Clinical Medicine in 1972, and became Professor Emeritus in 1981. She died in 2002 at the age of 89.

Gender-specific medicine is the science of the differences between males and females, not an isolated study of females or women's health, and its research encompasses all levels of investigation from basic bench research with cultured cells to clinical or epidemiological studies.

The research proposed for support by the M. Irené Ferrer Scholar Award should include gender as a specific variable in the protocol. Both investigators already conducting gender-specific research or research that addresses gender-specific issues as well as those entering the field are encouraged to apply. Applicants must include preliminary or supporting data related to the gender-specific issues of their proposal and must describe how the funding, if awarded, would permit them to obtain preliminary data that would lead to federal funding for a research (R) grant. One award, of \$60,000 is available annually, directed towards junior faculty holding a full-time Assistant Professor appointment in the Department of Medicine. Recipients of other internal or extramural funding are eligible to apply.

All areas of investigation are eligible: basic, translational, clinical, epidemiological, or outcomes research.

The deadline for submission is December 4, 2017. A committee of senior faculty in the Department of Medicine will review the applications. The recipient will be announced in January 2018 and the awards ceremony will occur at the Foundation Gala in May 2018 in New York City.

The application, as described below, should be sent by e-mail as one attached file (in pdf format) to Dr. Jaime S. Rubin, Vice Chair for Investigator Development, Department of Medicine. Please include "Ferrer Scholar Award" in the Subject line of your e-mail.

1. Cover page with applicant's (A) Name; (B) Title; (C) Division in the Dept. of Medicine; (D) Contact information [e-mail and telephone number]; and (E) Title of proposed research project.
2. Research proposal (3-pages maximum, including figures; literature cited on following page). Proposal should follow the NIH format: (A) Specific Aims, (B) Significance, (C) Innovation, and (D) Approach and must include a discussion of the statistical approach and analyses. Preliminary Studies/Pilot Data are not a requirement
3. NIH biosketch (5-pages maximum)
4. Listing of all peer-reviewed publications

Please contact Dr. Rubin, jsr9@columbia.edu, 342-3184, if there are any questions.