# 2023 Ruth and A. Morris Williams, Jr. Faculty Research Prize

# *Call for Applications*

It is a special pleasure to invite faculty of the Duke University School of Medicine engaged in **clinical science research** in any department to apply for the annual Ruth and A. Morris Williams Faculty Research Prize. The Williams family established this prize to advance research opportunities for early career faculty members and is awarded for research excellence demonstrated at Duke.

The Williams Prize recognizes groundbreaking research in basic or clinical science in alternate years.

The **2023 Williams Prize** will recognize outstanding contributions in **basic science research**.

Mr. Williams served on Duke’s Board of Trustees and its Medical Center Affairs Committee. Williams, a 1962 graduate of Duke University, and his wife, Ruth Whitmore Williams, a 1963 Duke Woman’s College graduate, contributed a special endowment to establish this annual prize. The endowment annually provides an award of $25,000, of which $5,000 is granted as a personal prize with the remainder supporting the recipient’s research. In rare circumstances, two prizes may be awarded by splitting the amounts equally.

Applicants must be School of Medicine faculty who are 10 years or fewer from first faculty appointment at assistant professor level at any institution. The intent is to honor and reward groundbreaking research that has substantially been conducted at Duke.

Winners of the Ruth and A. Morris Williams Faculty Research Prize will be selected by a committee of faculty peers and the selection committee will work to ensure nominees represent the diversity of our community.

Application due date February 28, 2023

Please submit applications electronically to [facdev@dm.duke.edu](mailto:facdev@dm.duke.edu)

Submission of Application

1. 1-page cover letter, including:
   1. Faculty member's name, academic rank & title, department and division
   2. Date of first assistant professor level appointment and institution
   3. Brief statement of discovery
   4. Discovery Presentation Information: Each discovery must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal, and/or presented at a national scientific meeting within the last three years
      1. Full citations to related peer-reviewed articles *or*
      2. National scientific meeting information (Name, date, location)
2. 2 to 3-page application letter from the applicant explaining the discovery, relevant background information and the significance of the discovery
3. Copies of no more than three [accepted or published only—no manuscripts] peer-reviewed publications of the discovery during the previous three years
   1. In the absence of peer-reviewed publications, include complete information about presentations of the discovery at national scientific meetings (e.g., name, date, location; copy of abstract; printed copy of oral presentation text)
4. Copy of *curriculum vitae*

This information and a list of previous winners is also available online

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