

## 2019 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 **basic 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 younger faculty members (45 years of age or younger, as stipulated in the endowment), and to help publicize the caliber of medical research underway at Duke. A panel of distinguished faculty members appointed by the Dean will select the recipient. The prize will be presented at the annual Schools of Medicine and Nursing Spring Faculty Meeting.

The Williams Prize recognizes groundbreaking research in basic or clinical science in alternate years. The **2019 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 45 years of age or younger as of April 30, 2019.

**Application due date February 14, 2019**

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

#### **Submission of Application**

1. 1-page cover letter, including:
  - a. Faculty member's name, academic rank & title, department and division
  - b. Date of Birth
  - c. Brief statement of discovery
  - d. Discovery Presentation Information: Each discovery must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal, and/or presented at a national scientific meeting
    - i. Full citations to related peer-reviewed articles *or*
    - ii. 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
  - a. 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*

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<https://medschool.duke.edu/about-us/faculty-resources/faculty-development/faculty-awards>

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