Invitation to submit a Letter of Intent

The Duke/NCCU BIRCWH Program is a K12 institutional career development grant currently administered by NICHD and funded by the NIH Office of Research in Women’s Health. The purpose of the BIRCWH is to promote interdisciplinary research and transfer findings that will benefit the health of women, including sex/gender similarities or differences in biology, health or disease.

The BIRCWH Program provides advanced training, mentoring, and career guidance for junior faculty pursuing interdisciplinary research in Women’s Health leading to an independent interdisciplinary scientific career that will benefit the health of women. BIRCWH research spans the entire spectrum of Women’s Health topics, and the program is open to all types of disciplines, clinicians and non-clinicians.

BIRCWH scholars receive salary support for up to $100,000 per year for a minimum of two years and must dedicate 75% of full professional effort (9 person months; 50% effort, 6 person months for surgical specialties) to research and professional development related to their BIRCWH project. The award also includes some funds for research support and travel. Each scholar will work closely with at least two mentors, one of whom is outside of their primary field. At least one mentor must be from the approved mentors list (see website).

Junior faculty members interested in a research career in women's health are encouraged to apply. Underrepresented Minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Duke University offers equal opportunity to all applicants without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, handicaps or national origin.

Please submit a letter of intent at your earliest convenience. We will contact you when a position becomes available and you will then be asked to submit a full application.

The letter of intent should be e-mailed to Amy Murtha at obgyngiants@duke.edu

The letter of intent must include the following information:

1. Applicant’s full name
2. Degree(s) and date(s) awarded
   If MD with residency, then also include when you finished residency
3. Department, Division, School
4. Academic rank
5. NIH Biosketch
6. Project Title
7. Brief description of the planned project (no more than one page)
8. Brief description of professional development goals (no more than one page)
9. Proposed mentor(s), at least one of whom is from the list of approved mentors
   (see website: https://medschool.duke.edu/about-us/faculty-resources/bircwh-program)

We encourage you to contact the Research Director or Program Coordinator with any questions.

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