

## Burroughs Wellcome Fund Research Technician Support Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MOU) is to assure that financial resources are available and can be committed to fully support the laboratory technician/research assistant who will be partially supported by the funds obtained through this Research Technician Support Award.

### **Mission of the Technician Support Program:**

The primary mission of the BWF Research Technician Support Initiative is as follows:

- 1) Enhance research productivity of early career physician-scientists by providing funding to support a portion of effort of a laboratory technician or research assistant to be dedicated to the applicants research project.
- 2) Promote continuity of early physician-scientists' research trajectory and scientific impact
- 3) Foster a pipeline of students interested in working as research technicians, while pursuing their own careers in biomedical sciences

### **Program Structure:**

The Duke Office of Physician-Scientists Development (OPSD), National Institutes of Health R38, and the Duke Burroughs Wellcome Fund Physician-Scientist Institutional Award (BWF-PSIA) are committed to funding each awardee with \$25,000 for 1 year to cover a portion of the salary and associated fringe benefits of a laboratory technician or research assistant. This award is renewable for an additional year with demonstrated success in year 1 and a need for year 2. Two award options are available for BWF RFA applicants and must be decided at the time of application (budget details found in RFA section IV).

The OPSD has engaged the Duke Pre-Health program and the Duke Master of Biomedical Sciences program to assist in identifying exceptional students and early career trainees who are interested in working as technicians and we encourage all applicants to contact the OPSD ([opsd@dm.duke.edu](mailto:opsd@dm.duke.edu)) to learn about the opportunity to hire a student or early grad as a technician for their project.

