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## Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Awards \$9 Million to Continue and Expand Clinical Research Fellowship Program

**New York, N.Y., October 15, 2007** – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) announced today that it will award \$9 million in grants to renew its Clinical Research Fellowship (CRF) program for medical students at 10 U.S. medical schools and expand the program to include two new schools.

The CRF program is part of the foundation's efforts to increase the number of physician-scientists conducting clinical research, reaching students at a critical stage in their medical training. Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellows take a year out from medical school, typically after the third year, to experience clinical research firsthand in a program that combines a mentored research project and didactic training.

Grants will be awarded to the following 12 institutions to offer Clinical Research Fellowships for the next three years:

- Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
- Harvard Medical School
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Mount Sinai School of Medicine
- University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine
- University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine
- University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
- University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
- Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
- Yale University School of Medicine

While a number of opportunities exist for medical students to take a year out from medical school and conduct research, the CRF program is unique in its focus on clinical research and its scope: not only does it provide training in multiple disease areas and at multiple domestic and international sites, it also is open to students enrolled at any U.S. medical school. The addition of two schools – Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine – will allow the program to support even more students interested in exploring a career in clinical research.

Each of the participating CRF schools selects at least five fellows per year from applicants nationwide and matches them with outstanding clinical research mentors. This round of grants also will support an international component of the CRF program at six of the schools, which will offer at least two additional slots per year for fellows who want to conduct clinical research in developing countries. To date, the CRF program has supported year-long research experiences for 497 medical students from 74 medical schools across the U.S.

“We are pleased to be able to renew our partnership with the 10 distinguished medical schools participating in the CRF program and to expand the program to two additional schools. This renewal confirms our shared commitment to recruiting and training the next generation of physician-scientists,” said Joan E. Spero, president of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

The application process for the 2008-2009 fellowship year begins in November, and applications are due January 16, 2008. Interested medical students can visit [www.ddcf.org/mrp-crf](http://www.ddcf.org/mrp-crf) for instructions on how to apply. Established in 2000, the CRF program was the first in the United States to focus exclusively on clinical research at academic medical centers. Including the new grants, the foundation has awarded approximately \$20.7 million to support the program.

Since 1998, the foundation’s Medical Research Program has committed more than \$160 million to strengthen and support clinical research, which advances the translation of biomedical discoveries into new treatments, preventions and cures for human diseases. To learn more about the Medical Research Program or to receive competition announcements, visit [www.ddcf.org/mrp](http://www.ddcf.org/mrp).

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