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Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Awards \$5 Million To Renew Clinical Research Fellowship Program at 10 U.S. Medical Schools

New York, N.Y., December 14, 2004 – The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation (DDCF) announced today that it will renew its Clinical Research Fellowship (CRF) program for medical students at 10 U.S. medical schools with grants totaling \$5 million to support three new classes of fellows beginning in July 2005.

Established in 2000, the CRF program is the first in the United States to focus exclusively on clinical research at academic medical centers. Since its launch, the CRF program has enabled more than 250 medical students to take one year off from medical school to receive hands-on clinical research training at one of the following ten schools:

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

A key feature of the program is the opportunity for students to work with leading physician-scientists who have agreed to serve as mentors. Students at any U.S. medical school are eligible to apply for the 12-month fellowship. Each of the participating CRF schools selects at least 5 fellows per year and matches them with outstanding clinical research mentors.

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

Including the new grants, the DDCF has awarded approximately \$11.5 million since 2000 to support the CRF program. Prior to renewing the program, the DDCF convened a panel of outside experts to review the CRF program overall as well as at each school.

The application process for fellowships beginning in July 2005 is underway. Medical students interested in applying should review the application instructions on the DDCF website at www.ddcf.org/mrp/crf, which includes an online application form. Applications for 2005-2006 fellowships are due January 18, 2005.

Established in 1996, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation seeks to improve the quality of people's lives through grants supporting the performing arts, wildlife conservation, medical research and the prevention of child maltreatment, and through preservation of the cultural and environmental legacy of Doris Duke's properties. More information about the foundation can be found at www.ddcf.org.

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