



# The Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program at the NIH

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# Overview of the Program

- Goal – To grow the diminishing pool of talented clinical/translational researchers.
- Total program duration 8 years:
  - Years 1-5: NIH Intramural Research Program full support (salary and research support)
  - Years 6-8: salary and/or research support of up to \$500,000/year at outside institution, OR continuation in Intramural Research Program
- Candidates – Early stage clinical researchers, within 10 years of completing core residency, with the ability to conduct independent research.
- Next Application deadline: August 27, 2015
- <http://www.nih.gov/science/laskerscholar/>



# Program Candidates

- Clinical researchers within 10 years of completing their core residency program;
- Competitive for tenure-track positions;
- Ability to do independent research



# Benefits to Scholars

- Protected time during intramural phase to conduct research.
  - Fully funded by NIH intramural program
  - No burdensome service obligations
  - In some cases, can maintain affiliation with previous institution while at the NIH
- Extramural component provides options for Scholars
  - 3 years of support at a research institution for scholars who successfully complete the intramural phase
  - Documented success in a peer-reviewed program
- Lasker Foundation benefits
  - Attendance at Lasker awards luncheon
  - Highlighted in Lasker reports and on website





# Selection of Lasker Scholars

- Recommended that applicants contact NIH in advance
  - Programmatic advice for suitability of research area to the intramural research program
- Applicants submit a full application through grants.gov
  - Candidate Information
  - Letters of Reference
  - Research Proposal
- Initial review of candidates by NIH Review Panel
  - Review by extramural clinical investigators
- Top-rated candidates eligible for consideration by Intramural Scientific Directors
  - On-campus interviews, seminar, chalk-talk



# Application Process for 2015-16 Program

- Full Application: Due August 27, 2015.
- Initial Review: Extramural peer review, Fall 2015
- Second Review: Intramural on-campus interviews and seminar, late 2015
- Final Decisions: Expected in Winter / early spring, 2016
- Start Date: Flexible



# Current Lasker Scholars

- **Hans Ackerman, NHLBI.** The effects of metabolic and genetic factors on blood flow in people with sickle cell disease, emphasizing stroke and kidney injury in adults.



- **Andrea Apolo, NCI.** Development of new treatments for urologic cancers.



- **Jessica Gill, NINR.** Identification and treatment of combat trauma and traumatic brain injury.



- **Nehal Mehta, NHLBI.** The role of innate immunity and inflammation in the development of cardiovascular and metabolic diseases.

- **Falk Lohoff, NIAAA.** The role of genetic background on the onset, progression, and treatment of alcohol-use disorders and addictions.



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# Program Partners

- Lasker Foundation: Financial support for program launch; travel and lodging for incoming Scholars to attend Lasker Awards ceremony, and annual Scholars and mentors meeting. Scholars will be highlighted on Lasker website, reports and publications, as appropriate.
- Intramural NIH Support: Institute/Center financial support for salary and research operating budget.
- Extramural NIH Support: Institute/Center based financial support for up to 3 years of independent support (salary and/or research operating budget).

