The National Institutes of Health is recruiting...

**Lasker Clinical Research Scholars**

The National Institutes of Health, in partnership with the Lasker Foundation, is pleased to announce the 2013 Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program. This is an opportunity for up to 12 years of funding for clinical researchers.

The Lasker program supports a small number of exceptional clinical researchers in the early stages of their careers to promote their development as independent investigators. This unique program provides Scholars with five to seven years of support as an independent principal investigator in the NIH Intramural Research Program (IRP), followed by the opportunity for additional years of financial support, either at the NIH or at an extramural research institution.

During the IRP phase, Lasker Scholars will be offered competitive salaries, commensurate with experience and qualifications, and will be provided research space, supported personnel positions and a research operating budget. In some cases, Lasker Scholars may be able to maintain relationships with their previous institution while working at the NIH.

Candidates must have a clinical doctoral degree (MD, MD/PhD, DO, DDS, DMD, RN/PhD or equivalent) from an accredited domestic or foreign institution and must have a professional license to practice in the United States. The program is intended for investigators at the early stages of their independent careers, and at the time of application, candidates must be no more than 10 years from completion of their core residency training. Applicants generally will have completed or be completing a post-residency clinical fellowship and will have demonstrated significant patient-oriented research experience to qualify for a tenure-track level appointment.

The application must include a research proposal and submission of four letters of reference. The deadline for a full application is June 24, 2013. The positions will start in 2014. More information and links to the application RFA are available at http://www.nih.gov/science/laskerscholar/index.html.

For questions, contact Dr. Charles Dearolf, Assistant Director for Intramural Research at NIH, at LaskerScholar@nih.gov.

The program honors the contributions of Mary and Albert Lasker to the National Institutes of Health and to the overall biomedical community. The Lasker Foundation will provide Scholars with the opportunity to participate in selected activities.

The NIH and the Lasker Foundation recognize a unique and compelling need to promote diversity in the clinical research workforce to improve the nation’s capacity to address and eliminate health disparities. The NIH encourages applications from talented researchers from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research, including underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, persons with disabilities and women.