THE EDNA AND FRED L. MANDEL JR. FOUNDATION
MANDEL CENTER FOR HYPERTENSION AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS AT DUKE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE
MANDEL POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
DUE DATE NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Background
The Mandel Center for Hypertension and Atherosclerosis at Duke was established to advance scientific understanding in the areas of hypertension, atherosclerosis, and related cardiovascular diseases. Goals include positively influencing research in the fields of hypertension and atherosclerosis by creating an expanding core of established faculty, early career fellows, and students, all focused on pursuing knowledge in these areas.

Grant Program
This program is intended to support a Mandel Postdoctoral Research Fellow, conducting innovative research into the causes and treatment of hypertension, atherosclerosis and related cardiovascular diseases. Funds are available for one 1-year fellowship grant of $45,000 to be used solely for supporting the applicant’s salary. The explicit purpose of this Seed Grant program is to encourage the training and research experience of future leaders in cardiovascular research that will lead to successful applications for external funding from NIH and other agencies in thematic areas relevant to the mission of the Mandel Foundation.

Application
Each proposal will include:
1) An executive summary paragraph written in layperson’s language plus 1-2 page application covering background, specific aims, research approaches and key references. Do not exceed 2-pages total.
2) An NIH-style biosketch for the applicant and for the mentor
3) A letter from the mentor stating his/her commitment towards the trainee’s project and training, and documenting availability of funding to support the proposed study.
4) A 1 page career statement from the applicant describing future plans.

Review Criteria
Applications will be judged based on the following criteria:
1) Background of the Trainee and potential to become a successful cardiovascular researcher
2) Strength of the scientific approach.
3) Adherence to the goals of the Mandel Foundation.

Timeline
Applications are due November 1, 2017 and decisions will be made by December 15th, with the expectation that projects will be initiated upon receipt of funds on January 1, 2018. The grant period will be from January 1 through December 31, 2018.

Reporting Requirements
The Mandel Fellow will be expected to participate in a site visit with the Foundation Trustees sometime in the spring of 2018. In addition, the Mandel Fellow will be expected to prepare a progress report (3-4 pages) for consideration by the foundation in June 2018 for the foundation’s reporting period and a final report at the end of the funding period. Final reports are due February 2019.

Acknowledgement
We expect that publications describing research supported by the Edna and Fred L. Mandel Jr. Foundation will include acknowledgement of such support.

Please contact Maria Rapoza at maria.rapoza@duke.edu if you have any questions.