

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

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE  
MANDEL RESEARCH SCHOLAR  
DUE DATE NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

**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 award will fund a CVRC primary faculty member within five years of their initial faculty appointment, and therefore more advanced than a Fellow, but still in the early stages of their career before or within two years of their first R01. Emphasis will be placed on scientific excellence and innovation. Components of the application will include a 2-year plan for an innovative program of research and a CV which demonstrates a trajectory of scientific excellence. Funds may be used for salary or project support. There will be one award of \$52,020 for one year plus indirect costs at 15%.

**Application** Each proposal will include:

- 1) An executive summary paragraph written in lay person's language
- 2) A CV which demonstrates a trajectory of scientific excellence
- 3) Description of a highly innovative 2-year research program (not to exceed 1 page).

**Review Criteria** Applications will be judged based on the following criteria:

- 1) Scientific excellence
- 2) Innovation of the scientific approach.
- 3) Adherence to the goals of the Mandel Foundation.

**Timeline** **Applications are due November 2, 2020** and decisions will be made by mid-December, with the expectation that projects will be initiated upon receipt of funds on January 1, 2021. The grant period will be from January 1 through December 31, 2021.

**Reporting Requirements** The Mandel Scholar will be expected to participate in a site visit with the Foundation Trustees sometime in the spring of 2021. In addition, the Mandel Scholar will be expected to prepare a progress report (3-4 pages) for consideration by the foundation in *June 2021* for the foundation's reporting period and a final report at the end of the funding period. Final reports are due February 2022.

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

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