

## **DIVISION OF PULMONARY & CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE** **FUNDING POLICY FOR ACGME FELLOWS**

### **Overview**

The Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine currently commits to providing full or supplemental salary support for the first four years of post-doctoral training for fellows accepted into its accredited clinical and research training program. Fellows are expected, as part of their research training, to apply for grant support by the end of their third year of fellowship. Fellow's base or supplemental salary will not be guaranteed by the Division beyond four years of training.

### **Annual Stipends and Support**

Fellows who are participating in clinical-only training will be supported at the existing University of Washington housestaff rates (R-levels). These rates are established by the School of Medicine/Clinical Affairs Office and are revised annually. A copy of the current R-level schedule is available in the Division offices.

During research training years, most fellows will be supported on our institutional training grant at levels consistent with NIH guidelines. The NIH pay schedule (PGY) is lower than the University housestaff schedule which means that fellows take a reduction in stipend level from their clinical year(s) to their research years. A copy of the current NIH schedule is available in the Division offices.

Fellows who remain in the program for additional training beyond the second research year are required to develop a funding plan with their mentor and Division administrator. Salary levels will be determined by available funding sources but will not be set below the appropriate NIH PGY level. While the Division is committed to funding additional research years for any fellow progressing well in training, the Division cannot support or supplement training beyond a fourth year even if an individual fellow is the recipient of an award that provides partial funding. Funding for salary support beyond this point must come from the fellow's own grants or from the primary mentor and must meet the institution's base salary requirements (currently set at the base NIH PGY level).

Fellows who join the division for research only training will be required to develop a funding plan with their mentor and Division administrator prior to initial hire.

*General planning information:*

Application guidelines should always be reviewed and assessed by both applicant and mentor to determine eligibility and utility of potential awards. Decisions to apply for career development awards must include Division level review and pre-approval.

Fellow appointments may not exceed 6 years within the UW system.

Individuals may not generally be appointed as a fellow if their ‘terminal’ (MD or PhD) degree was awarded 10 years or more prior to the proposed appointment date.

Fellows are limited to 3 years of combined institutional (T32) or individual (F32) NRSA support.

A 9 month minimum appointment is required for any appointment to the institutional (T32) training grant.

Individual (F32) NRSA applications utilize an expedited review and proposal to award activation cycle (7 months) with application dates in April, August, and December of each year.

Individual (F32) NRSA award activation is typically not allowed between October and December of each year.

K awards utilize the usual 9 month proposal to award cycle. New application dates are February, June, and October of each year. Resubmissions are March, July, and November of each year.

VA Career Development Awards are accepted twice yearly usually in mid-December and June are typically reviewed within 4-6 months of submission.

Other sponsors have proposal-to-award cycles ranging from 3 – 9 months.