



### **The Award**

The Virginia Merrill Bloedel Scholar Award is made possible with a generous gift from Virginia and Prentice Bloedel, whose support enabled the establishment of the Center.

### **Background and Mission**

Three research positions have been created to recognize this primary strength. Two of these positions are endowed chairs in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery with Dr. Edwin W Rubel holding the Basic Science Chair and Dr. Jay T. Rubinstein, Director of the VMBHRC holding the Clinical Chair.

The Virginia Merrill Bloedel Scholar Award was created to recognize the third area of research encompassed by the Center. It differs from the two other positions in that it carries a specific term – three years – rather than being given to an individual in perpetuity.

### **Conditions**

1. All regular tenured faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering who are VMBHRC affiliates and who hold external research funding are eligible to be awarded the position of Virginia Merrill Bloedel Scholar.
2. The award is for a term of three years and it was originally intended to support one-half of the individual's University salary. It is however, currently limited to \$30,000 though efforts are underway to increase this amount.
3. The purpose of the award is to free the individual from a significant percentage of their normal teaching and administrative duties during the academic year. Therefore, this award is incompatible with major administrative responsibilities such as being a department chair or dean. Applicants holding such positions are not eligible for this award.
4. Support during the three years is contingent on continued extramural funding support and a yearly evaluation of progress by the Director. Thus a brief annual progress report is expected. This report should include:
  - a. A summary of research accomplished under the scholarship support during the past year
  - b. An updated Curriculum Vitae
  - c. Confirmation that indeed release time from major administrative and teaching responsibilities was granted as promised by the chair in the original application



## Bloedel Scholar Program Application

### Grant Application Period and Deadlines

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| Invitation to Participate: | <b>TBA</b> |
| Application deadline:      | <b>TBA</b> |
| Grant decisions by:        | <b>TBA</b> |
| Funding starts:            | <b>TBA</b> |

### Instructions for preparing your application:

1. Include a signed cover letter addressed to the "Affiliate Liaison Committee".
2. Written proposal (maximum 5 pages) to include the following:
  - a. A statement about how the award will enhance present and future research contributions.
  - b. An outline of the research plan for the next three years.
  - c. A statement of how the research addresses the mission of VMBHRC.
  - d. References will not be included in the page count for the 5-page proposal
3. Curriculum Vitae.
4. Letter from the applicant's department chair endorsing the applicant and providing a detailed plan for significant release time from normal teaching and administrative duties, ie the specific courses and committees from which the candidate would be released during the three years of the award, and the manner in which this will be accomplished.
5. Statement of present and immediate past external funding and a statement of plans to maintain or extend funding during the duration of the award

Please submit proposals as one single document in pdf form to:

Subject Line: Bloedel Scholar Award  
To: Wendy Parkinson – [parkiw@uw.edu](mailto:parkiw@uw.edu)  
% Jay Rubinstein – [rubinj@uw.edu](mailto:rubinj@uw.edu)

The Affiliate Liaison Committee and the Director of the Center will review the applications. The ALC will vote on the merits of the applications and select an awardee. The Director of the Center will then prepare the nomination for approval by the Dean and the Board of Trustees. You will be emailed an approval or denial notice.

Call or email with questions to Wendy Parkinson at 206-616-4105, or [parkiw@uw.edu](mailto:parkiw@uw.edu)