Office of Foundation Relations

Limited Submissions

Sponsor: Karen Toffler Charitable Trust

Program: Toffler Scholar Program

Estimated Award Amount:	$30,000-$50,000
JHU Nomination Limit:	Up to 2

Deadlines:
Internal Application: November 22, 2024
Award Recommendations Made to Funder:
December 16, 2024

Opportunity Summary:

The Toffler Scholar Program was created by the Trustees of the Karen Toffler Charitable Trust, a 501 C3 nonprofit foundation focused on early-stage research that advances the medical field in profound, high-impact ways. Tapping into the deep legacy of their founders, best-selling authors and futurists, Alvin and Heidi Toffler, the Trust exists to be a catalyst for future-focused breakthroughs.

The Toffler Scholar Program focuses on helping medical researchers gain access to support, and a network for often underfunded innovations. It is a nimble source of financial support for scientists working on early-stage, future-focused brain science. Together with the university, the Program helps foster new ways of thinking and problem solving to find solutions to humanity's most difficult problems.

Previous JHU grantee: Jackson Mace (Neuroscience) – 2023, Marcelle Zita (Cardiology) – 2023, Yingzhi Ye (Physiology) – 2023, Katie Irwin (Pathology) – 2022, Jeremias Sulam (Biomedical Engineering) – 2022, Dr. Zhe Zhang (Pathology) - 2021

Eligibility & Requirements:

- Graduate and Ph.D. students, Postdocs, and Assistant Professors may apply.
- Applicants must be working in areas related to neurodegeneration, neurodegenerative diseases or autoimmune disorders.
- KTCT's Key Focus Areas are Biomarker Research for Early Detection, Translational Research for New Science, Emerging Technology Tools for Precision Understanding, Disease Mechanism Research for Prevention and Proactive Health and Population and Epidemiology to Understand future Shocks in brain Health.
- Proposed research projects may be basic or translational in nature.
- Projects that already receive or will receive significant extramural funding (NIH, NSF, DOD, commercial entities, other foundations, etc.) will not be considered.

Internal Nomination Process:

Interested applicants should complete their application at the following link:
https://jhu.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1954599. Requirements are listed below.

1. Proposal (maximum of two-pages of text only, single-spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)
2. Budget summary (maximum of one-page)
3. Biosketch in NIH-format (maximum five-pages). *NOTE: students and postdocs must also include the biosketch of their advisor or mentor.*
4. Letter of recommendation from department chair/division chief, mentor or current supervisor.

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