

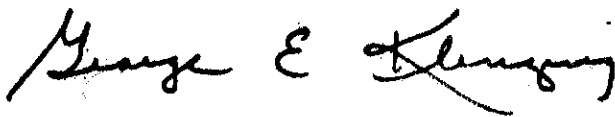


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SUBJECT: Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF) – *Investigators in Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease*

The University of Pittsburgh, including its medical school, graduate schools, and all affiliated hospitals and research institutes, may nominate up to **TWO** candidates for the *Investigators in Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease* program. To encourage applications from veterinarians, institutions that nominate a researcher who holds the D.V.M. will be allowed **THREE** nominations. Institutions may have a **single additional** nomination if they nominate a researcher working in pathogenic helminthes, mycology, or reproductive science. Please post or further distribute this opportunity. Guidelines are available at <http://www.bwfund.org/pages/105/Investigators-in-the-Pathogenesis-of-Infectious-Disease/>.

Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of U.S. or Canada; nominated by degree-granting institutions; must have established a record of independent research and hold a tenure-track position as an assistant professor or equivalent at a degree-granting institution; hold an M.D., D.V.M., or Ph.D. degree; applications from non-tenure track investigators at tenure-offering, degree-granting institutions will not be accepted. This is a career development program as well as a program in support of basic research. It is aimed only at researchers relatively early in their careers.

This program provides opportunities for assistant professors to bring multidisciplinary approaches to the study of human infectious diseases. While work on AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and microbes of interest for biodefense is allowed, the program emphasizes areas of research that open up unexplored areas of pathogenesis. Research on under-studied infectious diseases, including pathogenic fungi, protozoan and metazoan diseases, and emerging infections is especially of interest. In addition, excellent animal models of human disease, including work done in veterinary research settings, are within the scope of the program. Special interest areas include: cell/pathogen interactions, host/pathogen interactions, and novel routes to disease causation.

The award provides \$500,000 over a period of five years. Grantees may obtain funds from other sources for research in the same or similar areas as that conducted under these awards, so long as there is no conflict with meeting the terms of BWF's award. Grantees must devote at least 75% of their time to research-related activities (including those funded by other sources). Institutions must make a commitment in writing to honor this requirement.

Because of the above limitations and to also give enough time for review of the internal nominations and preparation of a full application by the selected candidates, if you have a nominee, please send the following information to Elaine Riberich** by **September 8, 2011**: 1) current copy of nominee's curriculum vitae 2) letter of recommendation from dean/chair 3) brief research plan. If necessary, a University review committee will be convened to determine which names will be endorsed for the BWF's **November 1, 2011 deadline**.

Preliminary nomination materials from the Schools of the Health Sciences should be sent directly to Dr. Michelle Broido. Dr. Arthur S. Levine will make the final decision as to whose name(s) will be forwarded to me for consideration by the University review committee. Please refer to the Office of Research Health Science's website <http://www oorhs.pitt.edu/searchFunding/Search.aspx?FundingType=Nom>. For a list of additional *Programs Limiting the Number of Allowed Institutional Submissions* connect to the Office of Research home page <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/> then select *Funding Resources*.

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