The Fisher Center Discovery Program, Request for Application 2022 – Round 2
The Sherrilyn and Ken Fisher Center for Environmental Infectious Diseases
Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases

The Fisher Center Discovery Program (FCDP)
Request for Application (RFA) 2022 – Round 2

Environmental Infectious Diseases and/or COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2

Letter of Intent
LOI is optional. LOI submission deadline Monday, November 29, 2021 at 11:59 PM

Application Deadline
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 11:59 PM

Eligible
All full-time Johns Hopkins University faculty
(Fellow, house staff or student proposals must be supported by a faculty member mentor)

Budget
Up to $60,000.00 USD

Number Available
Maximum four projects will be awarded in January 2022

Grant Period
Twelve months, with a possible 12-month no-cost time extension upon review

Application
https://hopkinsinfectiousdiseases.jhmi.edu/research/research-areas/environmental-id/fisher-center-discovery-program-grants/

Submit Via Email
Submit the application and supporting documents via email, fishercenter@jhmi.edu

Award Notification
On or before January 31, 2022

Award Start
February 7 – June 30, 2022 at investigator discretion

Contact
Email: fishercenter@jhmi.edu; Phone: 443-287-4800

The grant is offered university-wide. We encourage cross-discipline and cross-school collaborative research. Any full-time faculty person from within Johns Hopkins University (JHU), including the schools of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing, Engineering, Business, Arts/Sciences, and Applied Physics Lab may apply and act as PI. These Discovery Program grants are possible through the generous support of Sherrilyn Fisher.

Program Goals for 2022

• Provide financial support for clinical or translational research related to environmental infectious diseases and/or COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2
• Provide resources for pilot or clinical studies that may lack traditional funding mechanisms.
• Promote novel, cross-disciplinary collaborative clinical research
• Facilitate the research careers of early career researchers (faculty or trainees)
Eligibility

- All full-time faculty members of Johns Hopkins University, especially junior faculty, are encouraged to apply.
- Only Johns Hopkins University faculty members holding a terminal degree (MD, DO, PhD, PharmD, DVM, or equivalent) may serve as Principal Investigator (PI).
- Hopkins-affiliated postdoctoral fellows, house staff, medical school students, PhD students, graduate students, and undergraduate students may submit an FCDP application and be included as research team members on FCDP proposals. However, they may not be the PI. If the applicant is not a faculty member, the supporting faculty member PI is required to write a letter indicating review, mentorship responsibility, and approval of the project.

Project Topics

**Important Changes Related to COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 for the 2022 Round 2 Grant Cycle**
The FCDP will continue its focus on environmental infectious diseases. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we also offer the funding opportunity for clinical and translational research related to COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2. Submissions with both a COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 and environmental will receive special funding consideration.

- Proposals must be related to environmental infectious diseases and/or COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.
- FCDP resources will be concentrated on generating clinical or translational research to generate pilot or more comprehensive data.
- Laboratory research will be considered if part of a translational or clinical research project.
- Projects will have a competitive advantage if directly relating to environmental infectious diseases affecting human health in North America. Other favorable aspects include the potential for broad impact and early career investigator as the applicant. Also considered are international projects that would be difficult to carry out domestically, but have a health impact in North America.
- Submissions with both a COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 and environmental focus (e.g., built environments, environmental transmission) will receive special funding consideration.
- Investigators with questions about their research topic are encouraged to submit a brief LOI.

How to Apply

- LOI form, Application form, and related documents [online](https://hopkinsinfectiousdiseases.jhmi.edu/research/research-areas/environmental-id/fisher-center-discovery-program-grants/)
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the document Fisher Center Discovery Program Application Guidelines 2022 – Round 2 before completing the application and supporting documents.

Contact Information

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