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### ***Call for NPKUA Post-doctoral Fellowship Applications***

The National PKU Alliance (NPKUA) works to improve the lives of individuals and families associated with phenylketonuria (PKU) through research, support, education, and advocacy, while ultimately seeking a cure.

The NPKUA is seeking applications for post-doctoral fellowships in pre-clinical, translational, and clinical research projects that investigate all aspects of PKU. The purpose of these awards is:

- to promote and encourage PKU-related research in young investigators,
- to generate preliminary data for innovative topics, and
- to further support existing PKU- related projects.

#### ***Eligibility of Applicants***

Eligible applicants must have a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degrees and have an opportunity to hold a full-time fellowship position at an established academic/research institution in the United States. Applications from centers with a history of research in metabolic diseases are strongly encouraged to apply. **Applicants may request up to \$55,000 per year for 2 years.**

Applicant must be working in a suitable research laboratory environment to support the type of research the post-doctoral applicant will be undertaking. There should be a strong metabolic disease research mentor overseeing the applicant's work. The applicant should be devoting a minimum of 75% of his/her time to the fellowship project.

#### ***Application Guidelines***

Applicants are invited to submit a **full proposal** (4 pages, single-spaced with 0.5" margins using no less than 11 point Arial fonts). Full proposals should include the following:

- summary/abstract of fellowship research
- background and rationale,
- hypothesis,
- specific aims,
- brief overview of methods,
- preliminary data (if available),
- interpretation of the expected results, potential pitfalls, and
- bibliography of cited references.

Additional supporting materials should include an NIH-style bio-sketch (not to exceed three pages). Applicants must also submit a letter of support from their fellowship mentor.

In addition, full proposals are required to include an institutional fiscal officer approved budget. ***The award requires that funds not be used for the support of institutional indirect or overhead costs.***

***Timeline:***

**Full proposals should be received no later than November 16, 2009.**

**Proposals will be funded by NPKUA on February 1, 2010 for year 1 and the submission of a progress report will be required for the second year of support.**

**Please submit proposal and all additional materials to:**

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**Attention: PKU 2010 Research Proposal**