



## JDRF National Diabetes Psychology Fellowship Program

### KEY DATES

Release Date: January 2021

Application Submission Deadline: February 25, 2021 by 5:00pm eastern

Applicants Notified of JDRF's Funding Decisions: April 30, 2021

Earliest Start Date: June 1, 2021

### **Description:**

To increase capacity in diabetes clinical psychology and diabetes psychology research, JDRF has created a Diabetes Psychology Fellowship program which is open to applicants in the US and in Canada. The applicant is required to work with a mentor who can provide a training environment conducive to a career in type 1 diabetes-relevant psychosocial research. At the time of activating the award, the applicant must have a doctoral degree (PhD, PsyD, MD), or the equivalent from an accredited institution and must not be simultaneously serving an internship or residency.

### **Applicant Eligibility:**

The fellowship program is a combination of clinical diabetes care and diabetes research. Each applicant must have documented research experience, a career interest in diabetes specialized psychology and must have completed a PsyD or a PhD program in the field of psychology.

The fellowship is intended for those at a relatively early stage of their career. Ordinarily, the most recent doctoral degree will have been received no more than 5 years prior to the application submission. Applicants must be based in the United States or Canada.

There are no citizenship requirements. To assure continued excellence and diversity among applicants and awardees, this funding opportunity welcomes applications from all qualified individuals and encourages applications from persons with disabilities, women, and members of minority groups underrepresented in the sciences.

Fellowships cannot be awarded to the same fellow more than 1 time.

### **Program Description:**

The JDRF psychosocial fellowship program is a combination of clinical diabetes care and diabetes research. Each postdoctoral fellowship is a 12-month term. Fellowships positions will start in summer/fall 2021.

### *Mentor*

The applicant must be supervised by an investigator who is affiliated full-time with an accredited institution and who agrees to supervise the applicant's training. Fellow and mentor need to be at the same institution at the start of the fellowship.

### *Institution*

Fellowship locations will be in the United States or Canada. All locations shall be attached to an academic institution and a clinical diabetes management program. Fellowship research may be conducted at public and private organizations such as universities, colleges, hospitals, laboratories.

### *Expectations*

At the conclusion of the fellowship, each fellow should have at least 2 manuscripts related to work carried out during the award either submitted or ready for submission. Fellows should also have submitted to the ADA, AADE, and/or Diabetes Canada Annual Meetings for presentation via poster or oral session. All abstract submissions and manuscripts should be shared with JDRF and should acknowledge JDRF.

### *Operations:*

Fellows and mentors will be expected to communicate with JDRF on a quarterly basis. Fellows are also expected to participate in the JDRF managed quarterly online learning program. The online learning program will include deep dive learning opportunities for fellows related to diabetes and psychology.

### *Human Subjects Research:*

For a project proposing Human Subject Research, please review the [Scientific Guidelines](#).

## **Application**

### *Cover Letter*

Applicants should write a detailed cover letter that explains why a fellowship in diabetes is a fit for the applicant. Applicants should detail experience in diabetes in this letter.

### *Research Project Proposal*

The proposal should be suitable for a 1 year fellowship training period. The project should be specific, substantive, and relevant to type 1 diabetes. Extensive discussion between the applicant and the mentor is expected once fellowship is awarded in order to identify appropriate research project goals and feasibility.

The document may not exceed 3 pages, including all figures and tables. The document will be considered along with the entire application and will provide an example of the applicant's writing style and critical thought. Preference will be given to research proposals with emphasis on psychological care for the young adult age group with type 1 diabetes.

### *Future Career Plan Statement*

The Future Career Plan Statement is limited to 1 page. The applicant must include a statement of career goals and indicate the relevance of these goals to type 1 diabetes-related research.

### *Letter of Support from Mentor*

The letter should include: the mentor's biographical sketch, list of previous trainees, and a statement of the plan for training, supervision, guidance, counseling or other formal or informal training of the applicant; a description of the resources and/or mentoring activities available through the institution to support career development of young investigators.

### *References*

Letters of Reference: 2 Total Referees

These references should be able to discuss the applicant's scientific abilities and overall career potential. Reference may not be the same as the mentor.

### *Institution*

A signed letter of commitment from the fellowship institution must be submitted with the application. This letter commits the institution to hire the fellow if they receive the JDRF grant.

The reference letters must be submitted by the referees via email. These letters need to be sent to **preawardsupport@jdrf.org** prior to the submission deadline. Applicants will need to provide their referees with the template, which can be found in the additional attachments section of the application. Please note that applicants cannot submit reference letters on their referee's behalf.

### *Term of Award, Stipend & Application Deadline:*

Awards are for 1 year. Fellows must devote approximately 50% of their effort toward diabetes care and 50% toward T1D focused research during the fellowship term. Recipients of the JDRF award cannot hold another postdoctoral fellowship at the same time. Fellows should be cognizant of licensure requirements at the beginning of the fellowship and establish a plan for achievement with the mentor within the first month of the fellowship. Funds may only be used towards the fellow's salary.

Fellowship stipends can be requested for up to a maximum of **\$65,000 USD** per year. Canadian applications will be shared with JDRF Canada and will be funded up to a maximum of **\$65,000 CAD**.

### *Instructions to Submit an Application:*

Applicants should register and submit their applications in [RMS360 \(http://jdrf.smartsimple.us\)](https://jdrf.smartsimple.us).

All applications are due no later than **February 25, 2021 at 5:00pm eastern time**. Please note that we cannot accommodate any requests for submission deadline extensions.

Applicants will be notified by April 30, 2021.

### *Review Process:*

Fellowships in this highly competitive program, will be awarded on the basis of the applicant's previous experience, academic record, the caliber of the proposed research, and the quality of the mentor, training program, and environment. The number of fellowships awarded will also be limited due to the impact of the pandemic on JDRF's funding ability. The relevance of the proposal to the diabetes community, in particular to treatment of young adult or adult or special populations will also be considered. The applicant's professional ability and promise for a research or clinical career in type 1 diabetes will hold the highest priority in selection and will be assessed on the basis of the letters of recommendation, career plans, prior clinical and research training, academic transcripts, and the mentor's endorsement. Location in a department that will provide a stimulating

research environment is an additional factor that will be considered in evaluating applicants.

If you have any grant-specific questions as you work within RMS360, please contact the **administrative contact** listed below. For any **non-grant-specific** inquiries or issues, please contact SmartSimple Support Services via email [support@smartsimple.com](mailto:support@smartsimple.com) or phone (866) 239-0991. Support hours are Monday through Friday between 5:00am and 9:00pm US Eastern Standard Time.

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