

**BWH President’s Scholar Awards**

**2021 Request for Nominations**

**Overview:**

The Office of the President of Brigham & Women’s Hospital has made funds available in FY2021 to support the careers of Assistant or Associate Professors at the hospital who have made outstanding contributions to their chosen field of research and who have exceptional potential. Through an annual competitive process, **up to three investigators** will be selected to receive President’s Scholar Awards in the amount of **$100,000 per year for three years.** Awards will be determined based on a holistic review of the candidate’s demonstrated scholarly and/or entrepreneurial accomplishments. BWH strongly encourages nominations of women and underrepresented minorities in life sciences research. BWH anticipates distributing up to three awards in FY2021.

**Process:**

* This RFN, which has a deadline of 02/08/2021 will be open to all BWH departments
* Each BWH department chair may put forward up to three nominees in FY2021. Self-nomination not permitted
* BWH President, in consult with BRI leadership, will evaluate nominees and select awardees

**Timeline:**

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| RFN Stage | Timeline |
| Jan 15th, 2021 | RFN issued  |
| Feb 8th, 2021 | Nominations from Department Chairs due |
| Apr 2021 | Awardees notified |
| May 2021 | Award start date |

**Eligibility:**

* All members of the BWH research community with a rank of Assistant or Associate Professor are invited to speak to their chair about nominations
* Applicants must hold a full time appointment at BWH
* Nominees must hold an R01 or R01 equivalent
* Nominees working on any type of research/scientific theme will be considered
* Nominees need not be US citizens or permanent residents

**Application/Review Criteria:**

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following

* Strength of nomination package
* Applicant’s accomplishments in terms of publications, intellectual property generated etc
* Applicant’s contributions to science
* Applicant’s potential to remain/progress in the tenure track system at BWH

**Reciprocity:**

* Recipients will be obligated to attend an annual event, at which supporters of the Award may be present, at the President’s invitation
* Recipients will provide an annual written report to the BRI and an annual oral update to BWH leadership
* Awardees will acknowledge the BWH President’s Scholar Award in papers, talks, posters, journal/media articles and grants

**Application Process:**

Departmental nominations **(maximum of three) due February 8th, 2021, 11:00 pm** should be submitted electronically here: <http://bwhcfdd.partners.org/Listing.aspx?courseId=537>

MUST include the following:

* Nominee’s NIH Biosketch
* Statement from department chair on why nominee is exemplary and deserving of the President’s Scholar Award. If this award is critical to retention, chair may mention in the letter – limit one page