Now Recruiting Scholars

University of Colorado School of Medicine Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists (CU-FRCS)

- A grant and mentoring program for junior MD or DO faculty physicians—women and men—who face hardship resulting from caregiving needs
- Up to five Scholars annually for 1 year awards of $33,333
- One year of funding is guaranteed, a 2nd can be requested, subject to committee review.
- Money can be used to pay for project costs including PRA salary (not PI salary) or other research and training costs.

Eligibility Criteria:

- CU-FRCS Scholars must have an MD or DO degree and active medical license.
- Must have full-time CU-SOM faculty appointment as junior faculty (Instructor or Assistant Professor).
- Must be PI on a research grant(s) (internal or external CDA e.g. K12/K23, or research project grant).
- Evidence of strong research training and productivity as well as primary mentor(s) with extensive research experience.
- Strong evidence of commitment to pursuing a career as a clinician-scientist
- Money can be used to support only clinical research that does not include research using animals or primary tissues derived from animals.
- Demonstrate a compelling need that is related to family caregiving demands (e.g. children/elders/illness).

Application Documents Required (Combine into 1 PDF):

1. NIH Biosketch (new version) with other support section describing active research funding. Personal statement should address commitment to research, scholarly productivity, and research mentor(s).
2. Letter of support from mentor addressing need and research potential.
3. 1-page scientific summary of active research agenda and vision and career goals as a physician scientist.
4. 1-page of FRCS need and research funding plan: ½ page statement of need, the situation causing this window of vulnerability the way in which these funds will help support your success as a new physician scientist AND ½ page statement of how you will use the FRCS research funds if awarded. Funds cannot be used for Scholar’s salary and must be used to support research.
5. Documented support from the Department Chair/Division Head, including the protected time for research presently allocated to the applicant. Annual CU-FRCS program support of $33,333 per year must include a written commitment of additional sponsorship of $10,000 per year towards project support if their candidate is awarded the CU-FRCS funds.