

Cassen Postdoctoral Mentoring Award Announced

The Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (ERF), through a bequest from the estates of Benedict Cassen and Mary Wiley Cassen, is offering grant funding designed to enable a junior scientist faculty member to recruit a postdoctoral fellow to support research in the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. The grant is intended to provide early-career scientists with mentoring experience and the opportunity to develop preliminary data for federal or other competitive research support. The grant will provide support for the postdoctoral fellow to carry out research under the supervision of the junior faculty member, with the assistance of a senior faculty member or principal investigator. Selection of a postdoctoral fellow from relevant disciplines outside nuclear medicine and molecular imaging is encouraged but not required. Overall administrative and research guidance for the postdoctoral fellow is to be provided by a senior mentor in the same institution.

The Postdoctoral Mentoring Award provides up to 2 years of research support and is awarded to the applicant junior faculty member. The amount of the award is \$50,000 per year, payable to the applicant's institution, and is to be used for salary support (including benefits) for the postdoctoral fellow. Renewal for a second year is subject to ERF review and approval of first-year progress. Applicants must hold a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent) from an accredited institution and have a full-time position at an

accredited university, medical school, or equivalent in the United States. Applicants must also be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and must be no more than 10 years beyond their doctoral degrees or final year of postgraduate training, whichever is later. Applicants must have a senior mentor with significant research experience. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible for a new award. Institutions are not eligible for consecutive awards but are eligible for nonconsecutive repeat awards.

The format and content required for the application are available at: <http://erfsm.org/apply.htm>. The deadline for online submission is 5:00 PM EST on January 15. The ERF Cassen Review Committee, made up of internationally prominent scientists with expertise in education, research, and technology in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, will review proposals. Review criteria include the applicant's academic record, career development plan, and potential to develop into an independent researcher in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging; research plan; mentor and mentorship plan; and institutional research environment. For additional information, contact the ERF at erfsm@gmail.com or at: The Education and Research Foundation/ATTN: Executive Director/14301 FNB Parkway/Suite 100/Omaha, NE 68154.

*The Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear
Medicine and Molecular Imaging*