Biomedical Researcher Development Scholarship (BRDS)
A Research Career Development Award (K12)

Call for Application

The Biomedical Researcher Development Scholarship (BRDS) is a Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJD) and Orofacial Pain (OFP) Research Career Development Award (K12) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. The goal of this program is to foster the career development of independent basic, clinical and translational research scholars who can lead multi-disciplinary research teams to apply novel approaches to TMJD and OFP research thereby improving the understanding of these disorders and leading to more effective methods of diagnosis and treatment.

The duration of this K12 award for the individual scholar is 3 years. BRDS trainees will have the opportunity to carry out supervised biomedical, epidemiological, health services/health policy, or clinical research with the primary objective of developing or enhancing multi-disciplinary collaborative research skills and knowledge in preparation for an independent research career. The program faculty are members of the Center for Pain Research and Innovation (CPRI) at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and are senior clinical and research faculty from diverse backgrounds with training and expertise in TMJD and OFP.

Candidates will be post-doctoral fellows or junior level faculty; namely DDS/MD/equivalent with research experience PhD/MS (clinician scientists) or non-clinician post-doctoral PhD scientists. Established investigators redirecting their research focus to TMJD or OFP must be committed to developing a research career in this area and should have a background in OFP research or a complementary research area that could be applied to OFP research. Preference is for scholar candidates who have already demonstrated strong interest in becoming independent principal investigators, managing their own multidisciplinary research team, and obtaining appropriate independent funding for such endeavors.

Candidates must submit an application packet which includes all college transcripts, documentation of previous scientific, dental, or medical school studies, results of the GRE (if applicable), Curriculum Vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a letter of interest and personal statement. Applications will be accepted until 31 August 2015. The application should be emailed to Dr. Pei Feng Lim at PeiFeng_Lim@unc.edu. Further information may also be obtained from Dr. Lim.