

**Ladies Auxiliary
to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
Presents**

**A Two-Year \$100,000
Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship**



A TWO-YEAR POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP WILL BE AWARDED FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW presents an opportunity for researchers to devote two years, full-time to making new discoveries about cancer. United States universities, hospitals, and other institutions are invited to nominate one individual who meets the criteria.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a United States citizen. (The nominator does not have to be.)
2. Must be nominated by the person who will be supervising the lab in which the researcher will be working.
3. Must be qualified in a specific cancer-related specialty and proposed research project must be cancer-related.
4. Candidate must have a doctoral degree by July 1, 2012. If candidate does not have the degree by the time of application, please indicate date expected on the application form. (No later than July 1, 2012.)
5. Proposed research must be the principal professional responsibility of the recipient during the fellowship.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS POLICY

The winner of the fellowship will be notified by June 1, 2012, and upon receipt of written acceptance, \$50,000 will be issued. By March 1, 2013, the recipient must send a progress report which will be reviewed to determine if the rest of the fellowship will be disbursed. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of basic and clinical researchers in the oncology field.

USE OF FUNDS

The funds are to be used as a salary or stipend, which may cover fringe benefits. If the institution's normal postdoctoral salary is greater than \$50,000 per year, it is acceptable for the institution to supplement the salary. If the normal salary is less than \$50,000, the excess funds may be used for lab equipment or supplies. **During the two-year term of this fellowship, the researcher may not receive other funding towards his or her salary except as just described. Funds must be used prior to July 1, 2014,** unless approved by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. **Fellowships are not renewable.** A brief final report of the results of the research must be sent to the Auxiliary by September 1, 2014.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Completed 2012 Official Application Form.
2. NIH biographical sketch on candidate's training, experience, honors, and a list of candidate's published research.
3. Brief description of proposed research project including abstract, methods, procedures and significance.
4. Timeline for the project and expected results throughout the study. Specifically, the results anticipated to have been obtained after nine months of funding. This information will be used to review adequacy of progress.
5. Letter of recommendation from sponsor (and from co-mentor if another individual will contribute significantly to the training supervision).
6. NIH biographical sketch on sponsor (and co-mentor, if applicable).
7. Brief description of lab funding available to support proposed project.

Items 2, 3, and 4 must NOT EXCEED 10 pages. (Excess will be viewed negatively by review panel.) Do not use type smaller than 11 point font. Must be postmarked by March 1, 2012; no exceptions).

2012 OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

\$100,000 POSTDOCTORAL CANCER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARDED BY THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____ DOCTORAL DEGREE _____
(Or date expected)

SOCIAL SECURITY # _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

WORK PHONE _____ FAX _____ HOME PHONE (_____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ AMERICAN CITIZEN? _____

CANDIDATE'S CANCER-RELATED SPECIALTY _____

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT _____

NAME OF INSTITUTION WHERE WORK WILL BE CONDUCTED _____

NOMINATED BY _____
Name Title

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

WORK TELEPHONE _____

**FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS MAY NOT RECEIVE OTHER FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT DURING THE YEAR.
IF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED, PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: POSTMARKED MARCH 1, 2012

**PLEASE MAIL ONE COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION LISTED
UNDER APPLICATION RULES TO:**

**DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS
Cancer Research Fellowship Program
Ladies Auxiliary VFW National Headquarters
406 West 34th Street, 10th Floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64111
Phone: 816-561-8655 FAX: 816-931-4753**

THE CANCER AID & RESEARCH PROGRAM UPHOLDS A TRADITION OF SERVICE

The 540,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States have proudly raised more than \$100 million since 1947 to support cancer research and assist members who have cancer.

In addition to the fellowship awarded each year, the national organization presents several donations to accredited cancer research institutions and supports programs throughout the country that assist those suffering from the disease. Examples of funds donated during past years include:

\$20,000 to Pediatric Oncology Department, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
Washington, D.C.

\$20,000 to the University of Kansas in Wichita

\$20,000 to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Kansas State
University

\$15,000 to the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio

\$20,000 to the Stephanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research, Ohio State
University

\$20,000 to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center for Uterine Cancer Research, New
Hampshire

\$20,000 to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Children's Hospital- Pediatric Brain Tumor
Research, Lebanon, New Hampshire

\$20,000 to the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest School of Medicine,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

\$20,000 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital- Pediatric Brain Tumor
Consortium, Memphis, Tennessee

\$50,000 to the University of California at San Diego Moores Cancer Center

\$60,000 to the Jackson Laboratory for its 60th Anniversary, Bar Harbor, Maine

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW program is also directed at educating the public about the warning signs of cancer.

The final aspect of the program is providing financial assistance to stricken members. In the past 60 years, more than \$50 million has been awarded to help members who have cancer.

For more information about the Cancer Aid & Research Program, contact: Administrator of Programs at the Ladies Auxiliary National Headquarters (information on inside.)

