

**2014 Boettcher Foundation 2014 Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Award
Call for Proposals Announcement**

The Office of the President, the Office of University Relations and the Office of Academic Grants are pleased to announce Regis University has been chosen by the Boettcher Foundation to participate in its Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Award competition.

BACKGROUND

In July of 2008 the Boettcher Foundation announced the creation of a multi-million dollar grant program aimed at advancing biomedical research in Colorado. The program is the result of an innovative agreement among the Boettcher Foundation, the Webb-Waring Foundation for Biomedical Research and the University of Colorado.

This grant supports Early-Career Investigators (ECI) engaged in biomedical sciences in Colorado. A pre-allocated amount is provided each year to the following large institutions: University of Colorado, Colorado State University and National Jewish Health. A pool is created for nine (9) eligible small institutions that include Regis University, Belle Bonfils Blood Center, Colorado School of Mines, Craig Hospital, Colorado Mesa University, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Colorado College, University of Denver, and the University of Northern Colorado. A grant of \$225,000 covering up to three years of research activity will be funded with the intent to provide independent research opportunities to promising and talented investigators. This work will be significant in scope and impact and the grants will provide support for major efforts in biomedical science.

DEFINITION OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

The biomedical research supported pursuant to this grant program will be designed to find ways to prevent disease and improve human health through basic and applied biomedical research. The intent of the program is to fund translational research that advances a discovery closer to clinical application. This research will improve the understanding, treatment, and prevention of human disease.

EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR

An ECI is an investigator who is within four years of appointment to his/her career-track academic position, and who has not previously received a major independent research award. It is preferable that applicants be either currently or recently involved in a mentored grant program. In general, the ECI will have received a terminal degree or completed his/her medical residency within the ten years preceding the application; however, individual institutions can accommodate exceptions on the basis of individual review and consultation. For purposes of calculating eligibility, the ECI's career-track appointment should have occurred no earlier than four years prior to January 1 of the year in which the program is announced. For example, a program announced in October 2013, and which awards are funded in July 2014, will include ECI's whose career-track appointments began no earlier than January 1, 2009. Recipients of this award are expected to spend greater than 50% of their time on research during the grant period.

The intent of the program is to allow the investigator to generate data to be competitive for a major independent research award (R01 or equivalent) within three years. The Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Awards program is designed to move the investigator from a mentored grant program to this competitive position.

REVIEW PROCESS

Boettcher only accepts one application per University so the Office of the President will convene an internal review committee which will screen all applications and decide which one will be submitted. The review committee at Boettcher Foundation consists of 6 senior scientists, 2 each from CU, CSU and NJH. Please be aware that this review committee will be looking to see if the PI has collaboration and mentorship outside of RU to help ensure the successful completion of the research if awarded.

RESEARCH FACULTY INFORMATION MEETING

A brown bag open meeting of interested faculty will be held to review this grant and share ideas among faculty attending on January 17, 2014 in the West Hall Conference Room (WEH*137) from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are interested in receiving more information regarding this opportunity, please contact Valerie Schreiber (vschreib@regis.edu) in OAG for further information or if you have any questions. OAG MUST be notified by January 24, 2014 of all potential applicants.