

2012 Career Investigator Competition For Scholars Awards EVALUATION CRITERIA

TRACK RECORD	Weighting - 50%
<p>Assessment Criteria</p> <p>The applicant should demonstrate that they have already established a track record of significant achievement demonstrating the originality and impact of their research relative to their career stage. Scientific productivity is considered in the context of the norms of the research area and applicant experience. The applicant is at a stage where they are building a national and international reputation for excellence in their fields and exceptional promise for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and independence (relative to career stage) • Experience in the proposed area of research and with the proposed methodology • Scientific productivity throughout their career (publications, books, grants held, etc.) • Ability to successfully and appropriately disseminate research findings, as demonstrated by knowledge translation activities (publications, conference presentations, briefings, media engagements, etc.) • Evidence of recruiting and training graduate students, post doctoral fellows, research assistants, etc. • Letters of reference detailing the strengths, intellectual capacity and independence 	
Program of Research	Weighting - 30%
<p>Assessment Criteria</p> <p>The program of research should provide a description of the overall plan for the full duration of the MSFHR Scholar award (eight years). The program of research should also include a detailed description of a single research project currently involved in. It should include details on the expected goals and their rationale, an explanation of how the goals are expected to be achieved (methodology), a rationalization as to where the research will be carried out, in collaboration with whom and finally details on the timeframe.</p>	

- Conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses
- Advancement of scientific knowledge – addresses a need or gap in health research and/or health care system
- Collaborative arrangements
- Feasibility (including recruitment of subjects, project timeline, preliminary data where appropriate, etc.)
- Appropriateness and adequacy of proposed program for knowledge dissemination and exchange

Environment and Support

Weighting - 20%

Assessment Criteria

It is vital for a Career Investigator application to demonstrate a strong institutional commitment to the career development of the applicant. It is essential that the application reveals a clear commitment to ensure that 75% of the applicant’s effort will be dedicated directly to the program of research, with the balance of effort devoted to teaching, administrative, and clinical activities.

- Position at the host institution
- Availability and accessibility of personnel, facilities, and infrastructure required to conduct research
- Suitability of the environment (setting, project, mentors) for training of personnel (if applicable)
- Credibility of the reference letters
- Commitment for years 7 and 8 of \$50,000 and \$75,000 towards the applicant’s MSFHR Scholar award