

BIRCWH
Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health
K12-Career Development Grant for Junior Faculty at Duke and NCCU

The Duke/NCCU BIRCWH Program is a **K12 institutional career development grant** administered by NICHD and funded by the NIH Office of Research in Women's Health (ORWH). The purpose of the BIRCWH is to promote interdisciplinary research and transfer findings that include sex/gender similarities or differences in biology, health or disease and/or will benefit the health of women.

The BIRCWH Program provides advanced training, mentoring, and career guidance for junior faculty leading to an independent interdisciplinary scientific career. BIRCWH research spans the entire spectrum of Women's Health topics, and the program is open to all types of disciplines, clinicians and non-clinicians.

Scholars should be within six years of research experience since receiving their terminal doctoral degree. Scholars must be US citizens or have a valid green card. BIRCWH scholars receive salary support for up to \$100,000 per year for a minimum of two years and must dedicate 75% of full professional effort (9 person months; 50% effort, 6 person months for surgical specialties) to research and professional development related to their BIRCWH project. The award also includes some funds for research support and travel. Each scholar will work closely with at least two mentors, one of whom is outside of their primary field. At least one mentor must be from the approved mentors list (see website BIRCWH.medschool.duke.edu).

Junior faculty members interested in a research career in women's health are encouraged to apply. Applicants can be associated with any department. Fellows and post-docs may apply with a letter stating that they will have a faculty appointment by the first date of their award, which is not contingent on their receipt of BIRCWH funding. Mid-career and senior faculty are not eligible. Applicants from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. Duke University offers equal opportunity to all applicants without regard to ethnicity, race, color, creed, sex, age, handicaps or national origin.

Please submit a letter of intent at your earliest convenience. We will contact you to discuss details and eligibility to submit a full application.

The letter of intent should be e-mailed to Friederike Jayes at friederike.jayes@duke.edu

The letter of intent must include the following information:

- 1. Applicant's full name**
- 2. Degree(s) and date(s) awarded** (If MD with residency/fellowship, then also include when you finished residency/fellowship)
- 3. Department, Division, School**
- 4. Academic rank and position**
- 5. NIH Biosketch**
- 6. Project Title and a two-sentence description of the research project**
- 7. Brief description of the planned project (no more than one page)**
- 8. Brief description of professional development goals (no more than one page)**
- 9. Proposed mentor(s), at least one of whom is from the list of approved mentors**
(see website: BIRCWH.medschool.duke.edu)

We encourage you to contact the Program Director or Program Coordinator early with any questions.

Research Director: [Cindy Amundsen, M.D.](mailto:Cindy.Amundsen@duke.edu)

Program Coordinator: [Friederike Jayes, Ph.D.](mailto:Friederike.Jayes@duke.edu)