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Both Philip Morris USA Inc. and Philip Morris International agree with the overwhelming medical and scientific consensus that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and other serious diseases in smokers.

The purpose of the Philip Morris External Research Program is to support the highest quality research that contributes to fundamental scientific knowledge, helps address the concerns of the public health community regarding cigarette smoking, and enables both companies to continue their pursuits of product modification(s) or new product design(s) that might reduce the health risk of smoking.

The Postdoctoral Fellowship program was established to support the professional development of scientists at the beginning of their careers in those areas of specific interest to the Philip Morris External Research Program. Qualified applicants must hold a recently conferred Ph.D. degree, M.D. degree, or equivalent degree at the time of the award. Candidates should have no more than two years of postdoctoral research experience and have demonstrated an ability to conduct independent research. There are no citizenship or residency requirements for the Postdoctoral Fellowships.

The scientific areas of interest are:

Exposure/Biomarkers/Dosimetry; Epidemiological Research in the study of cancers, cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease(COPD), and reproductive, maternal, and placental effects; **Clinical and Model Systems Research** on cancer, cardiovascular disease, respiratory diseases and reproductive, maternal and placental effects; and **Tobacco Smoke and Smoking Behavior**.

Awards will be made annually by the Selection Committee, which is comprised of the members of the Science Advisory Board for the Philip Morris External Research Program. Fellowships will be made for one year and may be renewed for a second year upon satisfactory completion of the first year's work.

Sponsorship of the fellow by an established investigator is required. There are no further restrictions regarding the specific discipline of the sponsor or the department at which the research will be conducted. International sponsors and collaborations are encouraged.

Application Procedure

Qualified applicants should submit the following materials:

A three-page description of the research project outlining the plan of work and the significance of the research proposed to the Philip Morris External Research Program.

A short essay indicating how this research proposal will impact the applicant's career in his or her respective discipline.

Curriculum vitae of the applicant.

Curriculum vitae of the sponsoring investigator.

Letter of endorsement of the applicant by the sponsor indicating sources and level of support for this project.

Three letters of recommendation.

Terms

Fellowships are \$40,000 per annum and 8% institutional indirect costs. Payment of awards will be made to the fellow's institution. The disbursement of funds and the filing of financial reports will be the responsibility of the institution.

Period of Support

Awards are made for one year and may be renewed for a second year.

Reporting

An annual report will be required.

Those receiving awards are to be known as Philip Morris External Research Program Postdoctoral Fellows and are strongly encouraged to publish results of research in the open scientific literature. The following statement, acknowledging support, should appear in all publications resulting from work funded by the Philip Morris External Research Program: Research described in this article was supported (in part) by Philip Morris USA Inc. and Philip Morris International.

Deadlines

Applications received by October 1, 2004 will be notified of the award by December 15, 2004.

All application materials should be submitted to:

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Selection Committee

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