



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Office of Graduate Medical Education and Resident Services
School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

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Dear Applicant:

Dr. Tom Frawley endowed a fellowship in his name to encourage novice researchers to continue pursuing their dream. Dr. Frawley recounted his own tale when establishing the award. As a newly minted resident he nearly sacrificed his research to support his young family with a more lucrative clinical opportunity. The University at Buffalo offered funding, enabling him to fulfill his family obligations while completing his research. In gratitude, Dr. Frawley established the award intended for the recipient's personal use. Thomas Frawley's academic career continued in Boston, and later as a nationally recognized researcher in Diabetes and Metabolism, President of the American College of Physicians, and Chair of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. .

The ideal candidate is a novice investigator with a passion for research. Residents must have completed a minimum of two years in their program. New or recent graduates are also eligible. The individual must have a close working relationship with a mentor to guide and nurture their career. Those with independent funding sufficient for sustaining their personal and professional lives will not be considered.

The review committee is comprised of senior University at Buffalo research faculty. Each application is reviewed by two individuals and discussed by the entire committee. Three areas are evaluated:

- Commitment and potential as evidence by the personal statement and letters of support; personal statement should reference career goals and research experience
- Proposed Research activity for the award year, including role if working with a team; proposed research description must include:
 - Introduction, including relevant background and significance of research
 - Hypotheses
 - Research Design
 - Methodology
 - Timeline
 - Status of IRB approval
- Mentor's expertise in research and supervision of young investigators as evidenced by number of individuals mentored, biosketch and content of support letter prepared for applicant.

Thank you for your interest. Best of luck.

Sincerely,

Roseanne C. Berger, M.D.
Chair, Frawley Fellowship Research Committee