From this week’s NIH Guide. This is a very unique opportunity that clinical trainees in your area may be interested in. Briefly, the program brings early-stage clinical investigators into NIH intramural labs, providing substantial research resources for up to 5-7 years, after which there is the option to either compete to remain in the NIH intramural program or transition, with the opportunity to compete for substantial Lasker Scholar Grant funds (direct costs up to $500K/yr for 5 yrs), to an extramural research institution.

These most likely will be highly competitive, but a very solid candidate and a good match of candidate to ongoing NIH intramural research program interests likely would be a key success factors. I can help facilitate identification of/communication with NINDS intramural labs if potential applicants wish to contact me. The NIH expects to make at least 3 Lasker Scholar awards in the first year of the program, ultimately reaching a steady-state of 20-30 active awardees.

Some further details are below. See the FOA link for complete information.

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**FOA:** RFA-OD-11-001 Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program (SI2)  

**Participating Institutes:** NCI, NHLBI, NHGRI, NIAID, NICHD, NIDCR, NINR, NIDA, NIMH, NINDS, NINR, and CC.

**Purpose:** This FOA solicits applications for the Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program, for the purpose of supporting the research activities during the early stage careers of independent clinical researchers.

The program offers the opportunity for a unique bridge between the NIH intramural and extramural research communities, and contains two phases. In the first phase, Lasker scholars will receive appointments for up to 5-7 years as tenure-track investigators within the NIH Intramural Research Program with independent research budgets. In the second phase, successful scholars will be eligible to apply for up to 5 years of NIH support for their research at an extramural research facility; or, the scholar can be considered to remain as an investigator within the intramural program.

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