

Call for Applications: Russell Berrie Foundation NYC Fellow in Diabetes Research

The Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center of Columbia University, and the Russell Berrie Foundation are pleased to announce a NYC-wide competition for funding for Post-doctoral fellows engaged in diabetes research, as part of the Russell Berrie Foundation's Frontiers in Diabetes Program.

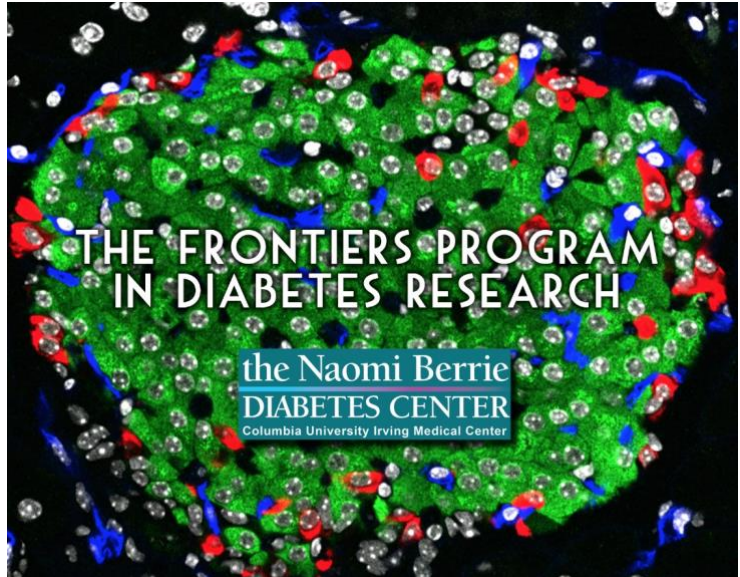
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The intended recipient for this **Russell Berrie Foundation NYC Fellow Award** will be a post-doctoral fellow (MD, PhD, PharmD) at a NYC-area research institution. There are no citizenship/residency requirements or preferences. Columbia University applicants are not eligible, but may apply for the related Russell Berrie Foundation Fellows in Diabetes Research Program for Columbia fellows.

This will be an open competition for a \$75,000 1st year award. The Berrie Frontiers Program will provide \$50,000 and the applicant's host institution will provide \$25,000 in matching funds. The Award may be used for supplies (including animal costs) and salary, but not travel, equipment or F&A ("indirect") costs. Applications are examined primarily for the quality and relevance of the proposed science, the caliber and commitment of the applicant and mentor, and the programmatic aims of the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center. Applicants with a committed career path in diabetes and obesity research, as demonstrated by prior achievements, completed training, or special skills in novel and underrepresented research themes, will be given preference. "High risk" studies, designed to test or extend novel concepts, are encouraged, as is collaborative work with a Columbia University lab.

One new award will be made each year. Awards will be renewable for a 2nd year contingent on scientific progress, availability of funds and continued engagement in the Frontiers program. Primary and renewal applications are reviewed by a standing panel of Columbia University and extramural investigators. Awardees will be expected to participate in the annual Frontiers Symposium, which will be via Zoom Webinar this year (November 21, 2020). Application deadline



Russell Berrie Foundation Frontiers Program in Diabetes Research

is **November 1, 2020**, for a funding start date of January 1, 2021. Applications should include the following materials:

1) Cover Page, which includes the following information:

- Nominee's Name and Degrees
- Current Position
- Date of Birth
- Education (institutions and degrees)
- Mentor's Name
- Mentor's Title, Department and Institution
- Title of Proposed Project

2) Description of Project (1,000-word maximum not including citations)

3) Mentor's Statement of Support (500-word maximum)

4) Nominees Statement of commitment to diabetes research (500-word maximum)

5) Letter from Nominee's Department or Institution head, confirming dedication to the Nominee's career and commitment of matching funds. There is no limit on Nominees per department or institution.

6) NIH-style biosketches of nominee and mentor.

7) Budget justification - funds can be used for salary and supplies (including animals) but not for travel or equipment.

Please collate all the above documents as a single PDF, and e-mail the completed application to Dr. Utpal Pajvani at up2104@cumc.columbia.edu. For questions, please e-mail Dr. Pajvani directly.

Mission Statement of the Russell Berrie Foundation Frontiers Program in Diabetes.

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The Frontiers Program also includes a yearly one-day meeting devoted to a single organizing topic related broadly to bioscience related to diabetes. An international group of ~8 speakers are invited to this symposium held at the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center. Attendees (~200) include students, fellows, research scientists, clinicians and other health professional. Attendance is free.