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Supporting innovative scientific research that will advance knowledge in the field of liver disease





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# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in Liver Disease – Asia (the "program") is to support innovative scientific research that will advance knowledge in the field of liver disease and provide support for research career development. Gilead Sciences, Inc. hopes that the research supported by these awards will enhance understanding of liver disease.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program provides financial support to the institutions of 2 junior faculty researchers for a 2-year period. Each award is funded up to USD130,000, to be paid in annual installments of up to USD65,000 per year for 2 years. Funding for the second year is contingent upon submission of a progress report by each junior faculty researcher and approval by the Scientific Review Committee (as defined below) which oversees the program.

Recipients of these competitive awards under the program will be selected by a Committee (as defined below) comprised of leaders in the field of liver disease (the "Scientific Review Committee" or the "Committee"). The Committee will review complete applications and select research proposals based on their scientific merit, feasibility, and innovation. Announcement of award recipients will be made at an awards dinner hosted by the Committee and senior representatives from Gilead.

Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria in order to be considered for an award. Refer to the Eligibility section on page 3.

# SCIENTIFIC FOCUS

The program is designed to support basic and clinical research in the field of liver disease. Areas of research may include, but are not limited to:

- Chronic viral hepatitis
- End-stage liver disease and its complications
- Non-viral chronic liver diseases
- Basic, clinical, and translational research related to liver disease

Awards granted under the program may not be duplicative of funding from institutional or hospital, other governmental, non-governmental, or industry sources. Applicants seeking an award for research projects that are currently receiving or may receive partial funding from other sources are required to submit appropriate evidence, including budget information related to the other sources, to demonstrate that there is no direct overlap or duplication in funding.

Proposals are reviewed by an independent Scientific Review Committee (no Commercial involvement in review and selection, i.e., Marketing, Sales, and Commercial Strategy) based upon the criteria outlined in this brochure.



### SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Applications will be reviewed by the Committee comprised of internationally recognized experts in basic and clinical research in the field of liver disease.

#### Chair:

## Pei-Jer Chen, MD, PhD

Professor, Hepatitis Research Center Graduate Institutes of Clinical Medicine and Microbiology Department of Internal Medicine, Medical College National Taiwan University Taipei, Taiwan

#### **Review Committee:**

### Henry Lik Yuen Chan, MD

Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics Director, Institute of Digestive Disease Assistant Dean, Faculty of Medicine The Chinese University of Hong Kong Hong Kong, China

### Kwang-hyub Han, MD, PhD

Professor and Chairman
Department of Internal Medicine
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Director of Hepatology
Division of Gastroenterology
and Hepatology
National University Health System
Singapore

#### Lai Wei, MD, PhD

Director, Hepatology Institute Peking University People's Hospital Beijing, China

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold an MD, DO, PhD, or equivalent degree at time of award
- Anticipate receiving a faculty appointment or an assistant professorship within 3 years, in association with a research institution in one of the eligible countries at the time of application (see page 4 for list of countries)
- Have a strong career interest in liver disease
- Have a research mentor with extensive experience in the field of liver disease
- Be able to devote at least 50% of their professional time to research (versus administrative, patient care, or teaching responsibilities)



■ Be able to complete the proposed research within the 2-year award period, providing evidence (manuscript, presentation, or abstracts) for future research projects

#### Citizenship

Applicants must reside in one of the following eligible countries:

- China
- Japan
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan

An applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the country in which they propose to conduct the research, or otherwise hold a temporary study or nonimmigrant visa which allows legal residency in the country in which the research will be performed. Such visa must be valid for the two-year award period (1 March 2016 – 28 February 2018).

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In their evaluation, the Committee will consider the following criteria:

# Criterion 1: Evaluation of the Applicant

- Potential for a career in liver disease-related research
- Academic record
- Prior research experience and/or publications

# Criterion 2: Scientific Environment and Institutional Support

- Letter of support from mentor which includes: mentor's track record of productivity, funding, and success with prior trainees; detailed description of the mentoring plan, including available resources allocated to the proposed research project, provision of protected time, and available laboratory facilities.
- The mentor is a well-established scientist whose research accomplishments have resulted in the bestowal of "tenure," ie, long-term commitment of salary, personnel, and research resources.
- The mentor has the experience to direct the proposed research training, as evidenced by the letter of support.
- The training plan is sufficient to facilitate the applicant's progress towards his/her research career goals.
- The proposed scientific environment contributes to the probability of success for the training experience.



■ Letter of support from the department chair or division chief documents the institution is willing and has the ability to commit the resources necessary for the applicant to complete the proposed research, including sufficient protected time.

## Criterion 3: Evaluation of the Proposal

- Innovation and Significance: The research proposal is new and original and addresses an important question/issue related to liver disease. The proposed study will have an effect on concepts, methods, and/or technologies related to liver disease research.
- Approach: The conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well-integrated, well-reasoned, feasible (as determined by preliminary data or the expertise available), and appropriate to the aims of the project? The applicant acknowledges potential problem areas and considers alternative tactics.
- Feasibility: The project, as described in the submitted proposal and budget, can be accomplished within the timeframe of the award.

# APPLICATION INFORMATION

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 2, 2015, Midnight, Eastern Daylight Time. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Applications must be completed online and submitted electronically with the required Supplementary Materials to <a href="http://researchscholars.gilead.com">http://researchscholars.gilead.com</a>

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact:

Research Scholars Program Coordinator

Telephone: (US Country Code) 646-674-1820

E-mail: LDAsia@contacthmc.com

# **Application**

Applicants must complete the online Application Form (all fields must be completed or applicant will not be able to submit) and include the following Supplementary Materials as specified:

- Research Abstract
- Research Proposal
- Applicant's biosketch, inclusive of publications if applicable, using the template provided on the program's website
- Mentor's biosketch, if applicable, using the template provided on the program's website
- Letter of support from mentor which includes: mentor's track record of productivity, funding, and success with prior trainees; detailed description of the mentoring plan, including resources allocated to the proposed research project, provision of protected time, and available laboratory facilities



- Bibliography of relevant references
- Detailed budget and completed budget summary
- Certification of Faculty Appointment from mentor is required and must be submitted with the Application, using the template provided on the program website
- List of Current and Pending Funding, using the template provided on the program website
- Letter of support from the department chair or division chief that documents the institution is willing and has the ability to commit the resources necessary for the applicant to complete the proposed research, including sufficient protected time

## GUIDELINES FOR THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

The Research Proposal should be a clear and concise presentation of the applicant's proposed research.

## The Proposal must include:

#### Research Abstract

Provide an abstract of no more than 325 words outlining the applicant's proposed research.

# Research Proposal

Provide a description that is single-spaced (using 11 point Arial font) and limited to 5 pages total. Research proposals over 5 pages will not be accepted. Please add your bibliography to your proposal but do not include those pages in the 5 page limitation.

#### The proposal must include:

- 1. Title of the proposed research
- Description of research objectives, including relevant literature, specific aims, study design, methodology, data, and projected results
- 3. Discussion of the relevance of the proposed research to the objectives of the program (see Scientific Focus on page 2)
- 4. Description of analytical methods (figures and tables should be included in the body of the text, where applicable)
- 5. Description of potential research challenges and possible approaches for overcoming them
- 6. Description of relevant past work by the applicant, including joint collaborations and references



### BUDGET GUIDELINES

#### **Indirect Costs:**

■ The program does not allow for any indirect costs to be provided to the Award Recipient's institution.

#### Salaries:

- The applicant may allocate up to USD50,000 per year in salary and fringe benefits support for the applicant and/or a technician.
- Salaries and fringe benefits support for mentors, post-doctoral fellows, or students may not be included.

### Supplies:

- Supplies such as disposables, chemicals, reagent kits, animals, etc, may be included.
- Equipment purchases with a single item value of greater than USD2,500 may not be included.

#### Travel:

■ Up to USD1,500 per year for applicant's travel to a scientific meeting <u>for presentation of data</u> may be included.

#### **Human and Animal Studies:**

- If the research project includes investigations on human subjects, a copy of the submission to the institutional review board (IRB) must be submitted prior to award.
- If the research project involves laboratory animals, researcher must certify that he/ she will comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to care and use of animals in research prior to award.

#### PROGRAM TIMELINE

The timeline, from application submission to award disbursement, is below:

Application Deadline Friday, October 2, 2015, Midnight, Eastern Daylight Time

Applicant Notification December 11, 2015

Award Disbursement March 1, 2016

### INQUIRIES/CONTACT INFORMATION

For general inquires about the Research Scholars Program, please call or e-mail:

#### Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in Liver Disease – Asia

Attn: Research Scholars Program Coordinator

Telephone: (+) 646-674-1820

E-mail: LDAsia@contacthmc.com



### FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

If you are selected as an award recipient, you and your institution must agree to the following items, including, but not limited to:

## Exclusive Use of Funding

The award will be used exclusively to fund the award recipient's research plan. The itemized budget should not include institutional indirect costs, overhead or general expenses, other than those approved by the Committee.

#### Use of Gilead Product

Proposals utilizing Gilead product(s) are not eligible for funding through the Research Scholars Program. Proposals involving Gilead product(s) should be submitted under the Investigator-Sponsored Research Grant Program through our online portal: http://www.gilead.com/research/investigator-sponsored

## Progress Reports

Submission of research progress and financial accounting reports for review by the Committee are required annually. Funding for the second year is contingent upon Committee chair approval of the research progress report.

#### Publications

The support received under the program must be acknowledged in any publication or abstracts resulting from research funded by this award.

## ■ Intellectual Property

The host institution shall retain ownership of any invention conceived and reduced to practice during the length of the award resulting solely from the Research Plan. The invention shall be Confidential Information of the institution.

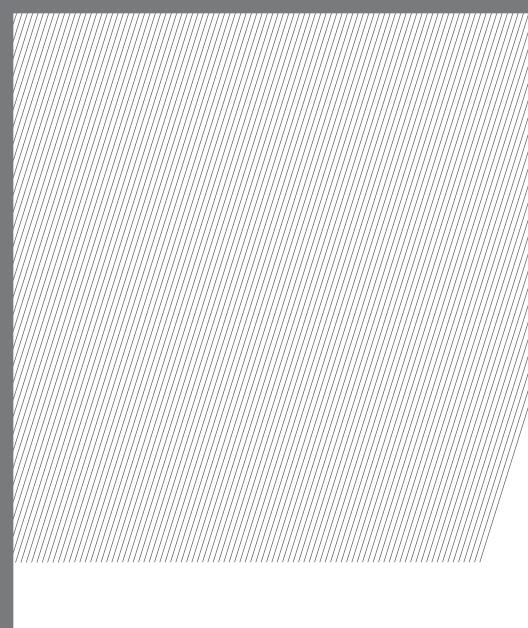
# ■ Change of Award Recipient, Institution or Discontinuation

The Research Scholars Program Coordinator must be notified immediately if the award recipient leaves the host institution or discontinues the research funded by the program. In the event award recipient moves to another institution, the award may be transferred or suspended at the sole discretion of the Committee. The new host institution must also agree to accept the terms and conditions of the existing award. In the event the host institution or award recipient is unable to complete the research or desires to discontinue the research before its completion, the institution will be required to return all unexpended funds and any remaining award will be cancelled.

### Data Protection

In order to process your application Gilead will need to process your personal data as entered onto the application form. You hereby give your consent to such control and processing of your personal data. Since this Research Scholars Program is being put in place by Gilead Sciences, Inc. based in the US you also understand and consent to the transfer of your personal data outside the European Union by Gilead as necessary to review and process your application. Gilead will handle your personal data in accordance with Gilead's Privacy Statement and in compliance with the data protection law of the awardee's country. The statement is available at the following URL: http://www.gilead.com/gilead\_privacy\_statement

Award recipients and their institutions will be required to enter into a written grant agreement with Gilead prior to receipt of funding.





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