Date: April 21st, 2016

To: Yale Faculty

Cc: Department Chairs and Administrators

From: Robert Sherwin, Director of YCCI

Re: Doris Duke Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists who have extraordinary caregiving needs

We are pleased to announce a request for applications for funding from the Doris Duke Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists (FRCS) Program. The goal of the FRCS Program is to retain early-career physician-scientists in research. The FRCS Program will provide research funds to a select number of junior faculty members who are strongly committed to careers in clinical research and have a compelling need for the award in order to maintain research productivity in the face of extraordinary caregiving needs (e.g., for children/elders/family members with an illness). Awards will be for a total of 1 year (with the possibility of applying for a second year of support). Funds ($25,000 to $50,000) can be requested to that would help the candidate complete a currently funded project. Funds may be used for funding for an assistant such as a statistician, a study coordinator, a grant writer or a laboratory technician or for enabling the applicant to reduce clinical effort and gain protected time for research. The funds cannot be used to add either additional research aims or new projects or to duplicate existing funding. Applicants must already be a PI on a grant funded by NIH, another federal agency or a private foundation for a research project or for career development (including either individual or institutional K awards or an equivalent award from a foundation).

Key Dates:
Due date for letters of intent: May 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM
Due date for full applications: June 16, 2016 at 5:00 PM
Earliest anticipated start date: August 15, 2016

Letter of Intent
A letter of intent is required and is due by 5:00 PM on May 19, 2016. LOI must be submitted online. Please visit http://ycci.yale.edu/ for information about how to submit an application. Please include an additional “other support” page in your biosketch that lists all current grants and grant applications that are pending or that you expect to submit as well as a brief summary of your extraordinary caregiving needs and how the funds will be used and an abstract of your project. Note that the purpose of the LOI is simply to confirm your eligibility and for planning for review of the proposals.

Full Application
Full applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on June 16, 2016. Please refer to the application packet for detailed instructions. Copies of the application packet can be downloaded from http://ycci.yale.edu and must be submitted online at http://ycci.yale.edu.

Requirements:
• Applicants must be physicians with some clinical responsibilities who have a full-time Yale faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor, Instructor or Associate Research Scientist at the time of the award and the appointment must not be contingent upon receipt of this award
• Applicants must have an MD or a DO degree and a current medical license
• Applicants must be a PI on a grant funded by NIH, another federal agency or a private foundation for a research project or for career development (including either individual or institutional K awards or equivalent awards from a foundation) that includes salary support.

• Applicants must have a compelling need for the award in order to maintain research productivity in the face of extraordinary caregiving needs (e.g., for children/elders/family members with an illness).

• The applicant must have been a faculty member for no more than 10 years by the anticipated start date of August 15, 2016. The 10-year period is cumulative and includes all appointments as assistant professor, associate research scientist, lecturer, or instructor at any institution (any part time appointments and leaves of absence should be described and will be considered in calculating the total time at a faculty rank).

• Applicants must have a clearly documented career path to becoming an independent investigator.

• Applicants can include an optional letter from their Department Chairs/Section Chiefs, if included it should provide evidence of a strong commitment to these applicants in their support letters.

• Applicants may request $25,000- $50,000 of research support for one year.

• Only clinical research can be supported by this award. Clinical research is defined as the scientific investigation of the etiology, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease using human subjects, human populations, or materials of human origin. Included in the definition are studies that utilize tissues or pathogens only if they can be linked to a patient. It does not include research using animals or tissues derived from animals.

Additional Terms of the Award:

• Recipients must be prepared to start the award on time, which means that all required approvals (IRB, IACUC, etc,) must be obtained by August 15, 2016.

• The Doris Duke Foundation will be evaluating the impact of this new funding program as part of an IRB-approved research study conducted by principal investigator Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil, at the University of Michigan Health System (UM). Applicants will be asked to complete a survey conducted by UM. Application data will be provided to Dr. Jagsi. Data submitted for this evaluation project will be de-identified. UM researchers will also collect longitudinal data on promotion and retention rates and may invite all applicants – regardless of whether they were selected for funding – to participate in follow-up surveys and interviews. The Doris Duke Foundation and the University of Michigan will not have input into which applications are chosen for funding.

Finally, please see the YCCI website at http://ycci.yale.edu, for a full description of the requirements of this award as well examples of hardship.

For questions please contact Nicholas Licht (Nicholas.Licht@yale.edu).