Doris Duke Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists Examples of Hardship

Please note: These are only examples and are not meant to be exhaustive. You are encouraged to apply if you think you are experiencing unusual hardship. For questions about eligibility or the application process, please contact Nicholas Licht, 203-785-7467 or Nicholas.Licht@yale.edu.

Example #1
An assistant professor in Pediatrics is PI on an R21 award in which she is assessing use of school-based clinics to increase rates of immunization with HPV vaccine. She has 2 young children in day care and another in elementary school. Her husband drives the children to school and picks them up. Unfortunately, he had a stroke from which he is recovering, but he is unable to drive, so mom tries to drive the children or arranges for friends to pick them up on the 2 afternoons in which she is in clinic. She is reaching a point in her study in which she will need to be at the school through late in the afternoon 2 days a week and needs to spend more time working on the analysis of the qualitative component of the study. She is planning to apply for the Doris Duke award and will use the funds to buy out the two afternoons of clinical time. This will allow her to spend the time needed to conduct her study and still be able to pick up her children some afternoons.

Example #2
An assistant professor in Dermatology is a single parent and is PI on a K08 award. He has one child who is 3 years old. He has just learned that the child has autistic spectrum disorder with significant disability. The diagnosis and intervention plan has taken time away from recruiting subjects for his study. He is applying for the Doris Duke award and plans to use the additional funds to hire a study coordinator who will recruit additional subjects which should allow him to have a sufficient number of subjects to successfully complete his study.

Example #3
You are an assistant professor in Internal medicine. Your 4-year old child was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and underwent a bone marrow transplant. You spent most of the past 4 months caring for your child in the transplant unit and also caring for your 4-month old infant. You are applying for Doris Duke funding to buy out two afternoons of clinical time which will allow you to finish your K23 research project and write your R01.

Example #4
An assistant professor in Neurology has been traveling frequently to support her father who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is getting treatment. Her mother passed away several years ago so she is in the process of moving her father to Connecticut to enable her to care for him, but this forced her to take a lot of time away from her research study for which she sees patients in follow-up and recruits new patients. She is applying for the Doris Duke award so she can hire a research assistant to see the patients in follow-up which will enable her to catch up with recruitment so she can complete the study.