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. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

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. 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 was diagnosed with autistic spectrum disorder. The intervention plan will take substantial time during a time where he has study visits. He is applying for the Doris Duke award and plans to use the additional funds to hire a study coordinator who will be able to see the subjects for some of the visits which will allow him participate in the intervention plan for his child.

Example #3
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.