

## **TRAINEE EARLY-CAREER AWARD FOR MENTORING IN UNEXPLORED PROBLEMS (TEAM-UP) PROGRAM GUIDELINES:**

Overview: The Trainee Early-career Award for Mentoring in Unexplored Problems (TEAM-UP) Program provides opportunities for outstanding postdoctoral researchers to conduct research under the mentorship of a team of two or more Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) faculty, with the objective to generate preliminary results in an area of research relevant to BMB that is currently under-funded. Complementary expertise of the mentors that will afford synergistic gains in terms of postdoctoral training is essential.

Publications: Awardees should make all research results available to the public without restriction, except as is required in the interest of national security. Awardees understand that all abstracts, publications, and presentations resulting from research supported by the TEAM-UP Program must contain the acknowledgment, "XX was supported by a TEAM-UP Program Award from the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology".

Research Support Funding: Awardees are permitted and encouraged to solicit and accept support from any appropriate sources for research expenses connected with research activities such as laboratory supplies, travel, conference fees, or subscriptions.

Early Termination: TEAM-UP awards may be terminated early without penalty but any unpaid support will be forfeited. Intent to terminate an award must be communicated immediately to the TEAM-UP Program.

Progress Reports: All awardees are expected to be making progress on their project and are required to submit the following reports. In addition, periodic, short "updates" may be requested.

1. Career development report. This report will be submitted 6 months after the award starts. This report will detail training goals, in addition to specific career development goals, along with an Individual Development Plan (IDP).
2. Annual Progress report. This report will be submitted 9 months after the award starts. This report will be brief and informative. Detailed descriptions of research are not necessary. Major highlights such as publications, abstracts, awards, patents, or discoveries are particularly useful. A department research talk will also be required before funds will be released for the second year of the award.

Change in Field of Study or Research Plan: Minor changes in an awardee's research program may be made without the approval of the TEAM-UP Program. A major change in a program -- one that alters the program to the extent that it is significantly different from that originally submitted with the application (e.g., a change in major field of study) -- requires the prior approval of the TEAM-UP Program.

Future Updates / Contact Information: Awardees are required to maintain updated contact information and may be asked to submit periodic updates after completing their award.