

Male Contraceptive Initiative
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Title: Male Contraceptive Initiative 2020 Beverly Tucker Award

Funding Category: 2020-E

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Application Due Date: ~~April 15th, 2020~~ - *Updated* - April 30th, 2020

Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

Background: Worldwide, nearly half of all pregnancies are unintended. Furthermore, current contraceptive options do not adequately meet the needs of users who desire contraception. Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI), a US-based 501(c)3 nonprofit, is a funding agency and advocate for male contraceptive solutions that are effective, safe, reversible, and non-hormonal. MCI has supported over \$3M in direct research funding globally.

Purpose: Beverly Tucker, MPH, MPIA, PMP, is a founding board member of MCI and has an illustrious career in global health spanning decades, as well as continents. She is a leading voice in the field, and passionate about supporting scientists all over the world. The inaugural Tucker Award is being established in 2020 to support professional development in the setting of international health.

In addition to Male Contraceptive Initiative's ongoing Travel Grants Program, this annual award provides up to \$5,000 to support a student or professional residing outside of the United States to travel internationally for the purposes of career development. Travel purposes may include premier international conferences (e.g., annual meeting for the Society for the Study of Reproduction), collaborative research opportunities, or other international travel that benefits the study and / or promotion of male contraceptives.

Section II: Eligibility requirements

Applicants for the Tucker Award must be engaged in a research focus applicable to male contraception and its advocacy, development, understanding, or acceptability.

Applicants need not be citizens of the United States. Applicants must be affiliated full-time with an institution and have ongoing research activity involving male contraception.

Eligible institutions include accredited non-profit institutions, public and private universities, colleges, foundations, and hospitals.

Section III: Application

The application must be submitted by April 15, 2020 to contact@malecontraceptive.org as a single PDF, formatted in Arial 11 point font on 8.5 x 11 inch pages with one inch margins.

- A. Statement of Purpose - (2 pages maximum, including any supporting figures and references)

What meeting / event / collaboration are you applying for? Why do you want to pursue this avenue as a means of career advancement? What do you hope to learn or experience? How will this award benefit you personally and / or professionally? Please ensure you describe your work in the context of male contraception and relate the relevance of the work to MCI's mission and vision.

- B. Applicant CV - (4 pages maximum)

- C. Abstract or Project Summary - (1 page maximum)

If you are attending a conference, please attach your abstract and indicate if you are presenting an oral presentation, poster, or other type of presentation. If you are proposing travel for collaborative research, please succinctly provide background and the goals of the proposed collaboration. If the application is for another type of event, applicants are encouraged to speak with MCI staff to determine eligibility and potential content for this section.

- D. Budget - (1 page maximum)

List estimates for each individual cost and total. Eligible categories for award include transportation, food, lodging, conference registration fees, and administrative expenses. Applicants are encouraged to use per diem rates for their destination from the United States General Services Administration.

- E. Letter of Recommendation - (2 pages maximum)

The applicant should contact one (1) individual other than applicant's primary supervisor / employer who can attest to the character, academic potential and financial needs of the

applicant. Please have them complete a letter of recommendation on the School's/Employer's letterhead. NOTE: Please ensure sufficient time is allotted for letter writers to submit letters before the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Section IV: Screening and notification

Selections will be made on the basis of the applicant's previous experience, academic record, and caliber of research.

The applicant's professional ability and promise for a career in male contraceptive research will be highly prioritized in the evaluation process, and will be assessed on the basis of the letters of recommendation, career plans, prior clinical and research training, and academic transcripts.

Applications by members of underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged.

Applicants will be notified of award acceptance on or after April 30th. Applications to attend meetings / collaborations / events before the award deadline will be considered for reimbursement, but are at the risk of the applicant.

Successful applicants are asked to write a 1-page testimonial on their experiences, how the award impacted their career development, and their plans for the future.

Section V: Contact

Questions about eligibility, the application, and application process are encouraged. Please contact:

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