



FY2024 Blumenthal Fellowship Award:

Support for Graduate Students or Post-Doctoral Fellows

Purpose

This Request for Applications (RFA), issued by the Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, will provide salary support through the Blumenthal Fellowship to a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow who is working on Down syndrome or a related condition in any lab at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus or Boulder Campus.

The Blumenthal Fellowship fund was conceived at the 2014 Down Syndrome Research Symposium. The event was held in Tom Blumenthal's honor to celebrate the closing of his lab after 41 years of operation. Joe Turner, then the CFO of Myogen, offered to start the fund with a substantial gift spread over five years. Blumenthal and Larry Gold, founder of SomaLogic, each agreed to do the same. John Sie, who funded the development of the Crnic Institute, offered to match all donations to support a fellowship focused on Down syndrome research.

Key Dates

Applications due	June 16, 2023
Decisions communicated to applicants	July 17, 2023
Funding begins	August 1, 2023

Award Information

The fellowship will provide up to one year of stipend or salary support, benefits, and tuition. No indirect costs are provided. The number of awards made will depend on the quantity and caliber of applications received.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a graduate student or post-doctoral fellow.
- Applicant must be working on research relevant to Down syndrome.
- Applicant must be on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus or Boulder Campus

Initial and Renewal Application Instructions

- Applications must be submitted online at <http://bit.ly/CrnicBlumenthalApply>.
- Applications are due at 11:59 PM MST on June 16, 2023.
- Application Components should be submitted as PDF documents and include:
 - 1) **Description of research project.**
 - a. **Initial applicants:** Two pages maximum, not including references.
 - b. **Renewal applicants:** Describe the progress of your project over the past year and outline the future direction of your project
 - 2) **Curriculum Vitae.**
 - 3) **Letter of recommendation** from your thesis advisor or faculty mentor.
 - 4) **Estimated Budget** including stipend/salary and tuition estimated for 8/1/23-7/31/24.
- The Crnic Institute will keep all Application Components strictly confidential.

Recipient Requirements

Blumenthal Fellowship recipients are expected to become active members of the Crnic Institute. Fellows must agree to:

- Register as a Crnic Institute Member (information can be found at bit.ly/CrnicMember).
- Attend monthly Crnic Institute Supergroup and Down Syndrome Research Journal Club meetings, along with any lab members working on the project.
- Present at least one research progress report at monthly Crnic Institute Supergroup Meetings.
- Prepare a formal project presentation for a future Down Syndrome Research Symposium.
- List the Crnic Institute as an academic affiliation (in addition to their home department) on all publications emanating from the work supported by the fellowship.

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