

## **John S. LaDue Memorial Fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine or Vascular Biology Research**

*A Funding Opportunity for PhD Students at Harvard Medical School*

**Overview** The LaDue Fellowship was created in 1993 from the bequest of Margaret Stoles LaDue “to Harvard University for the establishment and support of a Fellowship in Cardiology in its Medical School to be known as the John S. LaDue Memorial Fellowship.”

The Fellowship is designed to provide the opportunity for a PhD student at HMS to conduct research in cardiovascular medicine or vascular biology in an HMS Quadrangle-based laboratory (including the Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology) or a laboratory located in one of the HMS-affiliated institutions. Proposed work in a Quadrangle-based HMS basic or social science department will be given preference.

The Fellowship will provide financial support for a two-year period to one rising G2 (current G1) or G3 (current G2) PhD student at Harvard Medical School. The award will provide tuition and stipend plus discretionary funds for professional development. The award will also include funds for research support to the HMS mentor’s lab. The second year of funding will be dependent on suitable progress as evidenced in a report submitted 9 months after the start of the Fellowship. Awards granted under the Fellowship may not be duplicative of funding from other government, non-governmental, or industry sources.

Recipients of the award will be selected by the LaDue Fellowship Review Committee, comprised of HMS faculty leaders in the field of cardiovascular medicine, appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria in order to be considered for an award. Areas of dissertation research may include any area of basic, translational, clinical, or social science relevant to cardiovascular medicine or vascular biology.

### **Applicants must meet the following criteria:**

- Be a rising second or third year graduate student (current G1 or G2) in a PhD

program

administered or based at Harvard Medical School.

- Perform dissertation research related to cardiovascular medicine or vascular biology.
- Identify an eligible faculty advisor and laboratory where the research will be conducted.

**In evaluation of the applicant, the Review Committee will consider the following criteria:**

- Curriculum vitae of the candidate.
- NIH-style biosketch of the HMS faculty dissertation advisor.

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- A research proposal of no more than three (3) pages, including illustrative materials at a font size  $\geq 12$  point. An additional reference list may be included but must not exceed one (1) page also at a font size  $\geq 12$  point. The proposal should include information on your scientific background, goals of your dissertation research, and the aims of your research.
- Letter of Support from the faculty member in whose laboratory the research will be performed. The letter should support the applicant's qualification and motivation for success in cardiovascular medicine or vascular biology. The letter should also confirm the PI's willingness to accept the applicant, and support the proposed scientific environment as an appropriate one for the proposed research.
- Letter of Support from the Graduate Program Head at Harvard Medical School.

- Detailed list of Other Support, if applicable, including pending applications from the applicant and the mentor.

**In evaluation of the proposal, the Committee will consider the following questions:**

- Does the proposed research proposal address an important question/issue related to cardiovascular medicine or vascular biology?
- Will the research provide scientific training that could lead to a future academic career in cardiovascular medicine or vascular biology?
- Is the proposed description of research well-reasoned and consistent with the aims of the project?
- Can the project, as described in the submitted proposal, be accomplished within the timeframe of the dissertation?

**Application submission details and timeline:**

- Submit the research proposal (no more than 3 pages), letters of support, curriculum vitae and other materials **via email to:**

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- Application Due Date: **Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. EST** -  
Awards Notice Date: Friday, June 19, 2020

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## <sup>7</sup> LaDue Fellowship Review Committee

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