FOCUS on Health & Leadership for Women invites applications from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine faculty for an intramural Junior Faculty Investigator Award of $10,000 to conduct clinical, basic science or public health research in women's cardiovascular health.

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible persons include men and women who are instructors (excluding instructors who are currently fellows) or assistant professors in any of the following tracks: Tenure, Clinician-Educator, or Research.

PURPOSE: The objective of this program is to enable researchers to conduct pilot research in women’s cardiovascular health, including gender-relevant analysis of existing research projects, which can serve as a springboard for further research, publications, collaborations, and larger grant proposals.

The award supports direct costs of research including data acquisition, laboratory tests, technical assistance, salary, survey costs, or computer time. No indirect costs may be taken from this award. IRB approval is not required prior to submissions but will be required for the funds to be used.

CRITERIA: The award will be based on the following criteria:
• Importance and relevance of the research topic to women’s cardiovascular health
• Study design, methodology, and data collection
• Logistics and feasibility
• Potential for impact on investigator’s career including publication and subsequent grant funding

FORMAT: Applications must include all of the following:
• Cover page that includes project title, investigator's full name, academic degree(s), academic rank, department, division, and contact information (phone, beeper, fax and email)
• Abstract, 250-words
• Research proposal, 2 to 5 pages, that includes: specific aims, background, methods, statistical analysis/sample size, and time line (page limit excludes references which may be listed separately)
• Project budget and budget justification (one page)
• Description of current research support
• Investigator's curriculum vitae
• 5 additional copies of application materials

DEADLINE: The application deadline is September 13, 2010. Completed applications should be sent or delivered (hardcopy only, please) to:

Patricia Scott, Director of Operations
FOCUS on Health & Leadership for Women
Center for Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics
917 Blockley Hall / 6021

The expected award start date is October 1, 2010. A one-page progress report will be required six months after the award start date. A final report will be due one year from the award start date.