

Congratulations!

- Kudos to [Tanjala Purnell](#), an assistant professor of transplant surgery and epidemiology and training director at the Johns Hopkins Center to Eliminate Cardiovascular Health Disparities, who was recently recognized for her research and community engagement efforts by the National Minority Quality Forum's (NMQF) 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health Awards, which honors influential young minority leaders making a difference in health care. Dr. Purnell and other winners will be honored at the [2016 NMQF Leadership Summit on Health Disparities and CBC Spring Health Braintrust](#).

News and Announcements

- The Office of the Provost recently issued a third program on March 25, which provides partial funding to support diverse postdoctoral scholars, [The Provost's Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship Program](#). Applications are now being accepted for small programming grants for activities in support of underrepresented minority and women postdoctoral fellows. The deadline for nominations and grant applications is **April 24, 2016**. Guidelines/criteria will be posted on their website soon.

For the first year of the program, two funding opportunities are available:

1. **Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship: Continuation Funding**. Faculty members who are mentoring or advising a current Johns Hopkins postdoctoral scholar may nominate them for funding that will support the scholar's work at Johns Hopkins for up to two additional years. Funding is available for up to four current postdoctoral fellows.

Guidelines:

- Nominee must be a current JHU postdoctoral scholar (cannot be a new or incoming postdoctoral scholar).
- Nominees who have completed one to two years as a postdoc are eligible for up to two years of funding.
- Nominees who have completed three to four years as a postdoc are eligible for one year of funding.
- Priority consideration will be given to nominees in fields where there are fewer women or underrepresented minorities and to individuals whose funding has been exhausted.

Faculty mentors only may submit nominations to provosts_diversity_fellowship@jhu.edu, with the following attachments:

- The nominee's CV;
- A narrative describing the nominee's scholarly work; and

- An explanation of how the nominee’s extended period of time at Johns Hopkins will better prepare them for a tenure-track faculty position.

Nominations submitted by postdoctoral scholars will not be accepted.

2. **Postdoctoral Program Funding.** The Provost’s Office will fund a limited number of small grants (up to \$3,000) for cross-disciplinary programming and professional development activities that will enhance mentoring and scholarly productivity for women and underrepresented minority postdoctoral scholars. Cross-disciplinary activities must involve more than one Johns Hopkins division.

Applicants must submit a brief proposal and funding request (less than three pages) to provosts_diversity_fellowship@jhu.edu that includes the following:

- Project leader(s) and their contact information;
- List of schools involved;
- Description of how the funds will be used;
- Project timeline; and
- Budget

For additional details, contact the Provost’s Office at facultyaffairs@jhu.edu.

- Several applications from the School of Medicine are currently under review for the [Target of Opportunity Program \(TOP\)](#).
- The Department of Medicine was recently awarded funding from the [Visiting Professor/Scholar Program](#) sponsored by the [JHU Faculty Diversity Initiative](#) to support the annual Myron L. Weisfeldt Distinguished Visiting Professorship program.
- Earlier this month, all JHU divisions/schools were required to submit draft faculty diversity action plans, which are currently under review by the Office of the Provost. Once approved, we will receive our marching orders on how to proceed. Action plans included three components: divisional self-assessment (e.g., data gathering), faculty diversity goal-setting, and development of strategies to achieve goals.

JHU Award for Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion Research – Now Accepting Applications

- The Provost’s Office will grant an annual **Award for Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion Research of \$50,000** to a JHU full-time faculty member who is pursuing exceptional research that advances our knowledge and scholarship of underserved populations, or any issue related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Awarded funds may be used at the discretion of the faculty member for research, graduate student support, or operational expenses. For additional details, contact the Provost’s Office at facultyaffairs@jhu.edu.

Diversity Recognition Awards Nominations

- Similar to previous years, members from the School of Medicine have been recipients of the University’s Diversity Leadership Council Diversity Recognition Awards. Only a brief statement is required to nominate yourself or someone else. Nomination forms can be found [here](#). The deadline is **April 8**.