CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF

THE ROTTMAN FAMILY FUND 2018

TO SUPPORT CWRU MEDICAL STUDENTS

FOR RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES

OVERVIEW

The Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, with funds from the Rottman Family Foundation will provide support for CWRU SOM students to undertake research projects associated with international infectious diseases especially HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in resource-limited settings. Non-communicable global diseases (emerging or established) can also be the focus of the application but will be more favorably reviewed if studied in the context of a chronically infected population (e.g. cardiovascular disease or cancer prevalence in HIV uninfected and infected individuals). Although, funding for projects performed at an international site will be the highest priority, domestic-based research proposals on a topic of global significance will also be considered.

Medical students from all years are eligible. Awards, not to exceed $6,000.00 will be given to students with meritorious proposals and the selection of an appropriate CWRU faculty mentor. Up to 6 awards can be made annually. Students, who have made progress in their projects, but who need additional time and funding, may reapply once in the following academic year. An Advisory Committee of SOM faculty will review grants for merit and make recommendations to the Rottman family for funding. The SOM will serve as the fiscal entity through which these funds will be distributed and administered.

CONDITIONS

Case Western Reserve University medical students are eligible to apply for funding. The application deadline is April 13, 2018.

Funds may be used for travel and per diem expenses as well as for research supplies and statistical assistance. Travel funds for a scientific meeting to present the results of research supported by the award will be allowed.

No funds can be used by the faculty mentor, for administrative personnel, laboratory equipment, equipment maintenance, tuition, periodicals, subscriptions, books, or membership fees.

Students receiving awards will be expected to provide a written summary of their experience to the SOM Review Committee and the Rottman family.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

General Instructions

Number the pages consecutively at the bottom throughout the application. Type the applicant’s name and date at the right top of each page. Submit in the order listed below starting with the Title Page:

1. **Title Page** (1 page)

   Title of proposal, medical student and faculty mentor’s name (including rank, Department, mailing and e-mail addresses), mailing address, telephone contact information and e-mail address.

2. **Budget** (2 pages)

   Provide a budget not to exceed $6,000.00 to include estimated travel and per diem costs, and any other requested items/activities. Provide a justification for requests. Your faculty mentor should assist in this process.

3. **Personal Statement** (1 page)

   Indicate why you are interested in international infectious diseases or global health issues, what past experiences will enhance your success in your proposal and how you will utilize this experience in your career path.

4. **Resources** (1 page)

   Describe what resources including personnel, laboratory capability (if applicable), data bases, statistical expertise and especially the environment at the international site to support your research activities.

5. **Description of the Research Proposal** (not to exceed 5 pages)
   
   A. Specific Aims (not to exceed ½ page)
   B. Significance (not to exceed 1 page)
   C. Background/Preliminary studies/experience (if applicable) (not to exceed 1 ½ pages)
   D. Research Design and Methods (not to exceed 2 pages)

6. **Literature Cited** (not to exceed 2 pages)

All applications must be typed, single-spaced, using a standard 10 or 12 pitch type.

Deadline for receipt of initial applications is April 13, 2018. Funding will begin June 1, 2018.

Upload completed application in a single pdf file to e-curriculum/scholarship and Research/my research portal/fellowships/Rottman Family Fund.

For all questions contact Sharon Callahan, Director of Medical Student Research by e-mail slc17@case.edu or phone 216-368-6972. The Office of Medical Student Research is located in the SOM Robbins 4th, Room E421J.
REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee consisting of faculty in the SOM with international research experience. Reviewers will provide a concise written report to the students. In making award decisions, the Committee will take into consideration the following areas which will be weighted in the following manner:

1. Significance, originality, scientific merit (25 points)
2. Direct relevance to international infectious diseases and/or global health issues (20 points)
3. The applicant’s ability to carry out the proposed research in the time frame indicated (20 points)
4. Selection of an experienced/appropriate Case faculty mentor (25 points)
5. Selection of international site and support systems in place there (20 points)
6. Budget justification (10 points)