

Male Contraceptive Initiative Beverly Tucker Award

Section I: Funding Opportunity Description

Background: Nearly half of all pregnancies worldwide are unintended. Furthermore, contraceptive users who produce sperm are limited to condoms and vasectomy, which do not provide adequate diversity in characteristics to meet the needs of all users.

Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI), a US-based 501(c)3 nonprofit, is a funding agency and advocate for safe, effective, and reversible contraceptive solutions for those that produce sperm.

Purpose: Beverly Tucker, MPH, MPIA, PMP, is a founding board member of MCI and has an illustrious career in global health spanning decades, as well as continents. She is a champion for male contraception, and passionate about supporting scientists all over the world. The Tucker Award was established in 2020 to support professional development in the setting of international health.

Award Details

Beverly Tucker Award	
Scope	Professional development activities supporting graduate, postdoctoral, or other trainees investigating aspects of male contraceptives.
Award Amount	\$5,000 USD
Application Deadline	Ongoing

This award provides up to \$5,000 to support a student or professional residing outside of the United States for international activities centered around career development such as conference attendance, collaborative research, or other means of professional growth.

This award is intended to supplement MCI's existing Trainee Success program and specifically facilitate international engagement in the advancement and communication of male contraceptives.

Section II: Eligibility

Applications for the Tucker Award are accepted on a rolling basis, with multiple awards made based on available funds and candidate strength.

Applicants for the Tucker Award must reside outside of the United States and be engaged in a research focus applicable to male contraception and its development, understanding, advocacy, or acceptability.

Applicants need not be citizens of the United States. Applicants must be affiliated full-time with an institution and have ongoing activity related to male contraception.

Eligible institutions include accredited non-profit institutions, public and private universities, colleges, foundations, and hospitals.

Section III: Application

The application must be submitted to contact@malecontraceptive.org as a single PDF, formatted in Arial 11 point font on 8.5 x 11 inch pages with one inch margins.

- A. Statement of Purpose - (2 pages maximum, including any supporting figures and references)

What meeting / event / collaboration / activity are you applying for? Why do you want to pursue this avenue as a means of career advancement? What do you hope to learn or experience? How will this award benefit you personally and / or professionally? Please ensure you describe your work in the context of male contraception and relate the relevance of the work to MCI's mission and vision.

- B. Applicant CV - (4 pages maximum)

- C. Abstract or Project Summary - (1 page maximum)

If you are attending a conference, please attach your abstract and indicate if you are presenting an oral presentation, poster, or other type of presentation. If you are proposing travel for collaborative research, please succinctly provide background and the goals of the proposed collaboration. If the application is for another type of event, applicants are encouraged to speak with MCI staff to determine eligibility and potential content for this section.

D. Budget - (1 page maximum)

List estimates for each individual cost and total. Eligible categories for award include transportation, food, lodging, conference registration fees, and administrative expenses. Applicants are encouraged to use per diem rates for their destination from the United States General Services Administration.

E. Letter of Recommendation - (2 pages maximum)

The applicant should contact one (1) individual other than the applicant's primary supervisor / employer who can attest to the character, academic potential and financial needs of the applicant. Please have them complete a letter of recommendation on the School's/Employer's letterhead.

Section IV: Screening and notification

Selections will be made on the basis of the applicant's previous experience, academic record, and caliber of work.

The applicant's professional ability and promise for a career in male contraceptive research will be highly prioritized in the evaluation process, and will be assessed on the basis of the letters of recommendation, career plans, prior clinical and research training, and academic transcripts.

Applications by members of underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged.

Applicants will be notified of award acceptance within 60 days of submission. Please allow ample time for review and processing. Applications to attend meetings / collaborations / events in the far future will also be considered.

Successful applicants are asked to write a 1-page testimonial on their experiences, how the award impacted their career development, and their plans for the future.

Section V: Contact

Questions regarding any aspect of the award or award process are encouraged. Please contact:

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