



## **AIM Clinical Science Fellow Grant Application**

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### **Who We Are:**

**AIM Youth Mental Health** is finding and funding the most promising youth mental health research in the world, while building a movement devoted to improving the mental health of children, teens, and young adults. With our world-class Scientific Advisory Board, we screen research from across the globe, looking for work with the greatest promise of making a difference now.

### **Grant Opportunity - Request for Proposals:**

**The AIM Clinical Science Fellow Grant** is an award to increase and improve clinical research in youth mental health, focusing on new therapies, diagnostic tools, early interventions, and/or new technologies. Research areas of study include psychiatry, neuroscience, social and behavioral sciences. We do not fund basic science/research, but rather we encourage studies of the brain that can have an impact in the lives of youth today. AIM funds research applying to children, teens, or young adults up to 26 years old. The AIM Clinical Science Fellow Grant awards \$50,000 a year.

AIM is seeking applicants who propose important, relevant questions about youth mental health and are studying interventions that positively impact youth. Areas of interest include but are not limited to: predictors and early interventions to prevent youth suicide, interventions to address the impact of COVID-19 on youth emotional health, effective interventions for common youth mental health challenges such as anxiety, depression, OCD, etc., culturally sensitive research on effective interventions for racial and ethnic minority youth, innovative technologies and other non-pharmaceutical interventions that prevent onset and treat youth mental health challenges.

AIM has a sense of urgency in promoting Post-Doctoral research. The incidence and prevalence of youth mental health challenges is increasing, and we must stem the tide while treating those who are currently showing signs and symptoms. Early intervention is critical in minimizing lifelong consequences of emotional distress. Our research is focused on real time solutions that show promise for the future, while helping those experiencing challenges now.

AIM's administrative cost of review is minimal as we rely on the expertise and experience of our Scientific Advisory Board, who volunteer their time to evaluate applications; therefore, we are not able to provide feedback to applicants.

**Funding available:** \$50,000 for a one-year fellowship. AIM will be funding 3 fellowships in this round of grants.



## GRANT REQUIREMENTS

1. A Doctoral level degree is required (e.g., M.D. with training, Ph.D., Psy.D., etc.).
2. Applicants may be individuals or members of a research team or lab, where their part of the broader research can be identified and articulated. Must be already employed in a postdoctoral position or will undertake such a position by September 1, 2021.
3. AIM expects that the applicant spends a minimum of 50% of their time on the proposed project, even if funds for their salary are already covered by another source. Budget items should reflect the needs of the specified project in terms of personnel, subject payments, supplies, travel, or other necessary items. Funds should not be spent on general purpose lab equipment or multipurpose software.
4. AIM welcomes diversity with all applications including race, gender, ethnicity, culture and geography (globally).
5. Must be mentored by a senior researcher/collaborator, who is well-established in the psychiatric area of the applicant.
6. AIM pays no indirect costs or institutional overhead to the institution supporting the post-doctoral fellow.
7. Applications must be submitted by Monday, March 1, 2021, no later than 11:59 pm PST. AIM has decided to fund one applicant in 2020 with an application deadline of December 21. All applications received by December 21 will be considered for this first round. One will be granted and the rest will remain in the applicant pool for review in March 2021.
8. Applicants will be notified of grant approvals no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021. There will be no feedback provided on applications.
9. Applications must be submitted by email to: [admin@AIMymh.org](mailto:admin@AIMymh.org)



## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Description of Interest:** Briefly, in one page or less, present the research question you are exploring or that you would like to explore and research methods to study the problem. The proposed research should describe research design and methodology, and whether this is an individual project or part of a team or lab research activity. Include one short paragraph summarizing the proposed budget for your research.
  - a.** Proposed research must identify how the research project proposes to impact those with lived experience and provide a timely path to further studies with the potential for significant impact.
  - b.** Proposed research site and affiliation should be identified, for instance: where the study will take place, whether a University is affiliated, and any other collaborating funding sources, programs or institutions that will be involved in the research.
  
- 2. Applicant C.V. and Personal Statement:** In one paragraph, provide a brief overview of your accompanying resume summarizing the background, experiences, and knowledge that make you an excellent candidate for the grant you are requesting. Attach your resume.