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## **Showalter Research Trust Fund calls for applications**

Since 1975, the Indianapolis campus of the Indiana University School of

Medicine has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research eligible for funding are broad and described by the benefactors as "the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind."

Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter research Trust will be reviewed by the Biomedical Research Committee (BRC) of the Indiana University School of Medicine. Proposals will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will provide a ranking of the most meritorious proposals, which will be presented to the Showalter Trustees. Funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees.

Applications for funding beginning July 1, 2002, must be received by the Dean's Office, Fesler Hall, School of Medicine, by Jan. 3, 2002. Submission of the original, thirty-five (35) complete sets, and an Institutional Route Sheet are required.

Only current Indianapolis full-time faculty, on a non-visiting status, having a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding from the Showalter Research Trust.

Funds awarded this year are expected to be fully expended in the 2002-03 fiscal year, or within the approved award period if longer than one (1) year. However, if there is a need to carry over award funds beyond the initial award period, procedures for a "no-cost" extension request may be obtained by contacting the Dean's Office Grants Manager.

Submitted by:

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## **Showalter Trust general instructions**

Only current Indianapolis full-time faculty, on a non-visiting status, having a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding.

Applications for Showalter funding (to begin July 1, 2002) must be received in the Dean's Office, School of Medicine, Fesler Hall, Room 207 by **Jan. 3, 2002**. Applications will be reviewed by the Biomedical Research Committee of the IUSM. Complete applications include:

- One (1) original
- Thirty-Five (35) complete sets
- Institutional Route Sheet

The original and each set must include the following:

1. The "Proposal To" cover sheet, which includes the title of the project, the name of the Principal Investigator, and the investigator's rank, department, and address.
2. A one-page "Summary" that emphasizes the importance of the work in layman's terms. It replaces the abstract that is normally part of a grant proposal. If the application is selected for presentation to the Showalter Trust, this summary will be forwarded to the Trustees; it is a key element of their funding decision. It should be carefully written to explain the proposal to a wider audience, and must be clearly understandable to non-scientists.
3. A Budget and a one-page Budget Justification. These will also be forwarded to the Showalter Trustees. The maximum budgetary request is \$60,000, which must include indirect costs calculated as 20% of direct costs (excluding equipment). The percent effort of the Principal Investigator to be funded by the proposal should be limited to no more than 10%. Funds should go primarily toward needed supplies and

technical assistance. No salary for other faculty will be allowed.

4. A brief but carefully developed scientific proposal, which does not exceed 8 pages, uses one-inch margins and fonts no smaller than NIH guidelines allow, and includes "Specific Aims", "Significance", "Research Plan", and a paragraph about "Future Direction". The independence of the investigator and proposal should be documented. The proposal should not continue research currently as part of a larger group.

5. A "Biosketch" of the Principal Investigator in NIH form, which includes a grant history and any pending proposals. Applicants with a current Showalter Award should provide a progress/status report.

6. A letter from the Department Chair, as well as the senior investigator if the applicant is an Assistant Scientist, that indicates support for the proposal and for the development of the research career of the faculty member.

7. Appendices are not permitted.

It is suggested that applicants ask senior colleagues to review and comment on the proposal before submission.

If your proposal is funded, a final narrative Progress Report, in layman's terms, is due within 60 days of the end of the grant year. The original narrative Progress Report and two (2) complete copies should be sent to the Dean's Office, School of Medicine (Institutional Route Sheet not required).

### **Showalter Trust budget instructions**

The attached budget format should be used for Showalter Trust project budgets. The budget, which must include indirect costs calculated at 20% of direct costs minus equipment costs, should not exceed a total

cost of \$60,000. Budget must be completed in accordance with the following.

## I. SALARIES & FRINGES

### A. Principal Investigator

The budget should identify the percent of full-time university effort (not to exceed 10%) devoted to the project and the amount of salary support requested.

Salary not allowed for any other faculty.

### B. Post-Doctoral Fellows/Graduate Research Assistants

The budget should indicate the number of post-doctoral fellows/graduate research assistants to be employed on the research project, the percent of effort each will devote to the project, and the corresponding salary and fringe amount requested from Showalter for each person.

### C. Clerical, Technical, Service Support

The budget should indicate the type of support requested (i.e., clerical or service), the percent of full-time university effort requested for each clerical or secretarial position, and the amount of funds requested.

### D. Student Labor

The budget should identify the amount requested for student labor.

## II. PERMANENT EQUIPMENT

Each item of permanent equipment requested should be separately identified along with its estimated cost, which must be at least \$5,000.

## III. SUPPLIES AND EXPENSE

The budget should identify major supplies and expenses, including equipment costing less than \$5,000.

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## **Search on for assistant dean for student affairs**

IUSM is accepting internal applications and nominations for the position of assistant dean for student affairs.

Send nominations or applications with curriculum vitae and references complete with names, addresses and phone numbers to:

Herbert E. Cushing, MD,  
Associate Dean  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
635 Barnhill Drive (MS 164)  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Responsibilities include academic and career counseling, financial aid and various student activities, including student promotions. The assistant dean for student affairs will report to the associate dean for student affairs.

Candidates should provide a proven record in interacting with medical students and/or in medical student programs, a strong commitment to higher education and excellent interpersonal skills.

Qualifications include: M.D., Ph.D. or Ed.D. degree; eligibility for a faculty appointment within IUSM; and past experience with medical students.

Salary and faculty rank are commensurate with background and

experience.

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## **AAMC announces "First Contact, First Response" bioterrorism initiative**

The AAMC has launched a bioterrorism initiative to help educate and prepare the nation's physician workforce to respond appropriately to terrorist attacks.

The "First Contact, First Response" initiative will focus on the need for information, resources and educational experiences to help medical students, residents, and physicians deal with potential biological, radiation, or chemical terrorism.

AAMC President Jordan Cohen, MD, outlined the details of the plan at a Capitol Hill press conference Nov. 1, where he was joined by Senators Bill Frist (R-TN) and Edward Kennedy (D-MA), and representatives of the American Medical Association, American Nurses Association, and the American Public Health Association.

The AAMC will convene a coalition of health education organizations on Nov. 28 to collaborate on educational and informational resources to aid physicians and residents who are likely to be the first to encounter victims of terrorist attacks. In the coming months, the AAMC will also bring together a panel of experts in bioterrorism to provide guidance to medical schools on adding curriculum content relevant to biological agents, and radiation and chemical exposure.

The AAMC will also build on its extensive cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to improve existing partnerships between public health and medicine.

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## **NEJM releases anthrax articles early**

The *New England Journal of Medicine* will publish a Review Article entitled, "Recognition and Management of Anthrax - An Update" in its Thursday, Nov. 29 issue. In the same issue, NEJM will publish an Image in Clinical Medicine entitled, "Cutaneous Anthrax Infection."

The journal is releasing these articles early because of their potential public health importance. The articles are now available on the NEJM Web site at [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org). The corresponding author for the Review Article is Dr. Morton Swartz of Massachusetts General Hospital. Questions regarding his article can be addressed to Dr. Swartz can be contacted through Sue McGreevey at 617-726-2206 or [smcgreevey@partners.org](mailto:smcgreevey@partners.org). The corresponding author for the Image in Clinical Medicine is Dr. Kevin Roche of New York University Medical Center. Questions regarding this image can be addressed to Dr. Roche can be reached at 212-263-5362 or [kevin.roche@med.nyu.edu](mailto:kevin.roche@med.nyu.edu). 962-6681.

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## **CDC issues anthrax summary electronic report**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided a four-page summary of the most recent issue of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) with the latest clinical information on anthrax. The summary can be viewed on the Web at [www.ismanet.org/resources/MMWR5042summary.htm](http://www.ismanet.org/resources/MMWR5042summary.htm).

The entire issue of the MMWR is available at [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/).

The AMA continues to work with CDC to ensure the latest information is made available to practicing physicians and we will work to provide more information as soon as it becomes available.

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## **Conference to showcase technology partnership opportunities at IUPUI**

IUPUI will support Indiana in its quest to become the Midwest leader in technology, as it brings together its faculty and researchers with local business during the campus' first ConnectTech 2001 Conference Thursday, Dec. 6.

The conference, hosted by IUPUI with the Indiana Information Technology Association and the Indiana Health Industry Forum, will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center.

"ConnectTech will provide a place for industry, students, faculty and community leaders to renew our resolve to make Indiana the Midwest leader in high technology and the health sciences," said IUPUI Dean of Faculties Bill Plater.

The conference will feature interactive presentations on technological innovations on campus that would lend themselves to partnerships with business and industry. Topics include biomedical research, manufacturing, informatics, information technology and more. Attendees also will be able to tour campus research labs.

"Tech companies in the state have a hunch already that there's value in

partnering with the university on research and/or other projects," said Donna Gastevich, INITA president. "They read about discoveries taking place on campus and they're definitely intrigued. The trouble is they don't know how to gain access or what the first step is in partnering. ConnectTech is the perfect opportunity to learn about the opportunities for engagement and to meet the people who are actually doing the work."

Mike Winter, president of Indianapolis-based technology firm VIFI, will discuss one such partnership during the conference breakfast. VIFI houses the IUPUI CyberLab, a research laboratory that allows IUPUI interns to work on real-life information technology projects.

IUPUI Chancellor Gerald Bepko, IU Vice President of Information Technology Michael McRobbie, and Ann Eskensen, president of the Innovation Development Institute, also will speak at the conference.

Representatives from business and industry are invited to attend the full-day conference, but must register by Friday, Nov. 23. The cost is \$ 25 per person. To register, contact Mary O'Neill at 278-7602 or [moneill@iupui.edu](mailto:moneill@iupui.edu) or log on to [www.connecttech.iupui.edu](http://www.connecttech.iupui.edu).

For more information about the conference, contact Teresa Bennett at 274-8703 or at [tkbennet@iupui.edu](mailto:tkbennet@iupui.edu).

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## **UITS fall information technology seminar series**

UITS's Fall IT Seminar Series will focus on Oncourse at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, in University Library's Lilly Auditorium.

Oncourse is an eLearning application developed at IU that allows faculty

and students to create, integrate, use, and maintain Web-based teaching and learning resources. Now in its third year in operation, Oncourse has over 40,000 active users and generates more than a million page hits per day.

Julie Parmenter, manager of the Oncourse Application Development Team, will conduct the presentation. She will discuss the technical implementation of the hardware and software with a special emphasis on the work that has been accomplished in the past year to build an enterprise hardware architecture, which will account for total reliability and stability.

The UITS IT Seminar Series is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Information Technology and CIO. The seminars are free and open to the public.

For more information about the series, go to <http://it.iu.edu/itseminars.html>

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## **Sports Medicine seminars in November**

**For the community:** noon, Monday, Nov. 12, Sports Medicine Wellness Series: Nutrition Guidelines, Kevin Gebke, MD, IU Center for Sports Medicine, National Institute for Fitness and Sport auditorium.

**For the sports medicine professional:** 7 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14, Sports Medicine Discussion Series: Strength Training (emphasis on ACL injury recovery), Greg Moore, director, Youth/Athletic Development, National Institute for Fitness and Sport second floor boardroom. Sponsored by IU Center for Sports Medicine. RSVP to [vabele@iupui.edu](mailto:vabele@iupui.edu) or call 278-0320.

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## **Riley Hospital publishes book; free to Hoosier families**

Caring for Kids is the title of a new book published by Riley Hospital for Children, offering a wealth of information and tips not found in traditional parenting books.

The book, partially funded by the Lilly Endowment, was written by Patricia Keener, MD, and has four sections: child health care, growth and development, nutrition and child safety. It also includes books, Web sites and a list of organizations whose goals are to promote better health and the wholesome development of youths.

The idea for the book originated with the Riley Memorial Association, the fund-raising group for hospital.

"With the input from other physicians, health care professionals and parents throughout the state, Dr. Keener and her staff have spent many hours to ensure this book met our vision," said Riley's Physician-in-Chief Richard Schreiner, MD.

Riley plans to distribute 750,000 copies of the book to Hoosier families. It can be ordered by calling the RMA at 634-4474, or by logging on to that organization's Web site at [www.rileykids.org](http://www.rileykids.org).

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## **M.E. Hodes obituary**

ME Hodes, MD, PhD, professor of medical and molecular genetics, of

medicine and of pathology and laboratory medicine, died Friday, Sept. 28. He was 76 years old.

Dr. Hodes was the longest active full-time faculty member at IU. He began his care at the medical center Oct. 1, 1956, and died three days before his 45th anniversary at the university. His most recent research concerned the study of the proteolipid protein and Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease. Dr. Hodes was recognized worldwide for his studies in this area.

He was a Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean War. He volunteered with many organizations including the Israel Cancer Research Foundation, which he served most recently as chairman of the executive council.

He is survived by his wife Halina; children Abigail, Marquis, Zachary, and Jonathan, and nine grandchildren.

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## **Sound Medicine hits the air waves in more Indiana markets**

Sound Medicine, a weekly health news radio program created and co-produced by IUSM and WFYI public radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis, entered four new markets Nov. 3, when it debuted on the Indiana Public Radio network (IPR).

IPR includes WBSB (89.5 FM) in Anderson, WBSW (90.9 FM) in Marion, WBSH (91.1 FM) in Hagerstown/New Castle and WBSJ (91.7 FM) in Portland; all stations are licensed to Ball State University.

The program also is aired on Sundays by public radio stations in Bloomington (WFIU, 103.7 FM) and Louisville (WFPL, 89.3 FM), which is part of the Louisville Public Radio Partnership. Sound

Medicine executive producers are aiming for a presence throughout Indiana by the end of the program's first year of production.

Consumers interested in listening to the current and archived programs can visit the Sound Medicine Web site created by IUSM Office of Public and Media Relations at [www.soundmedicine.iu.edu](http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu).

"The site also provide consumers with additional information and links to medically accurate resources," says Barbara Lewis, the program's host and producer.

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## **Winter is fast approaching and snow is sure to fall**

Parking and Transportation Services, the University Police Department, and Campus Facility Services are committed to providing the best possible snow removal service to the campus. Detailed plans have been developed to help in the attack on snow and ice.

What can you do to help? Report trouble areas (during the regular work hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) by calling your local Zone Maintenance Trouble Line. After 4 p.m., on weekends and holidays, notify the campus police by calling 274-7911.

Be sure to give exact locations and conditions. It is requested that callers give their names and phone numbers so they can be updated on the status of the report.

For additional information on how to report snow and ice problems see: [www.police.iupui.edu/](http://www.police.iupui.edu/), [www.parking.iupui.edu/](http://www.parking.iupui.edu/) or [www.iupui.edu/~cfs/](http://www.iupui.edu/~cfs/).

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## Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar/>. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at [imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu).

To keep the electronic version of Scope as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multi-disciplinary interest will be printed.

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## Submissions to Scope

*Scope* wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

There are four easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto:mhardin@iupui.edu)
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into Scope Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty/index.html>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point,

plain text format.

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