

Call for Proposals: PHI's Fifth Research Grant

Help spread the word to researchers who have innovative ideas for investigating the late effects of polio or neuromuscular respiratory disease that the guidelines for applying are available at www.post-polio.org/res/rfcall.html.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, March 3, 2008

Deadline for Phase 1 application

Monday, April 14, 2008

Invitation to submit Phase 2

Monday, June 16, 2008

Deadline for Phase 2 application (if invited by PHI)

Monday, November 10, 2008

Announcement of recipient

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Receipt of \$15,000

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Receipt of \$10,000

History of The Research Fund

Polio survivor and iron lung user Thomas Wallace Rogers bequeathed the initial funds for The Research Fund established in 1995. Grant awards are distributed from the interest gained on the corpus of the special segregated fund. Today, the fund's assets exceed \$600,000.

Past Recipients of The Research Grant

2007: *Pilot Study to Identify PPS Biomarker* by a team of researchers from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), Little Rock.

2005: *Timing of Noninvasive Ventilation for Patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis* by a team of researchers from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

2003: *Women with Polio: Menopause, Late Effects, Life Satisfaction and Emotional Distress* by a team from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2001: *Ventilator Users' Perspectives on the Important Elements of Health-Related Quality of Life* by a team from the University of Toronto.

The final reports of the 2001, 2003 and 2005 grants are online at www.post-polio.org/res/index.html#awa. A summary of the final report from the *Pilot Study to Identify PPS Biomarker* (2007) will be published in the next issue of *Post-Polio Health* (Vol. 24, No. 2).

Increasing The Research Fund

Contributions to The Research Fund may be mailed to PHI, 4207 Lindell Blvd, #110, Saint Louis, MO 63108-2930, or contributions may be made on our secure site at www.post-polio.org/donForm.html.

If you have any questions, please call Joan L. Headley at 314-534-0475.

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Brenda Jo Butka, MD, is a pulmonologist at Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. In this position, Dr. Butka treats individuals with neuromuscular conditions, many of whom who use home mechanical ventilation.

John R. Fisk, MD, is recently retired from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine where he served as a professor of surgery in the Division of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation and medical director of the Motion Analysis Laboratory. Dr. Fisk has provided a polio course to orthotists in several developing countries.

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