

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
**JAMES HUDSON BROWN - ALEXANDER BROWN COXE**  
**Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Medical Sciences**  
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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

The James Hudson Brown Memorial Fund provides funds for research in the medical sciences, including clinical medicine and public health. The Alexander Brown Coxe Memorial Fellowships in the Biological Sciences support investigators of promise in the comprehensive field of the biological sciences.

Together, the income from these funds is used in support of new postdoctoral fellows.

**Q1. For “Other Support” should I use Part C of the Biosketch or should I use the “Other Support” format?**

**A1.** Both applicants and sponsors should use the “Other Support” format.

Sample formatting for “Other Support” is available at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/othersupport.doc>

**Q2. Can applicants with the PhD and MD submit an application for either competition? Both competitions?**

**A2.** Applicants with the MD, whether MD only or in addition to the PhD, should apply only for the MD deadline on December 21, 2011.

**Q3. Can I submit an application if I have not submitted a letter of intent?**

**A3.** Yes. Letters of intent help us in planning, but are not required and are not binding.

**Q4. I was a postdoctoral fellow at another institution before arriving at Yale. Does that time count toward the two-year limit of eligibility?**

**A4.** If the training program included an extensive research component, that time will count toward the two-year limit. Time spent as a researcher in industry may also count toward the two-year limit on “post” doctoral research experience. Any time spent conducting research, whether in industry or a university-based laboratory, beyond receipt of the doctoral degree may count toward the two-year limit.

If you have any questions about the timing and length of previously conducted research and how it might count toward the two-year limit, please address these questions BEFORE preparing your application. The Committee will not review applications from candidates whose prior research experience places them beyond the two-year limit.

**Q5. I received an MD from a foreign medical school and have a PhD, too. Should I apply under the MD competition or the PhD competition?**

**A5.** All holders of the MD or other clinical degrees should apply under the MD competition.

**Q6. Can I submit my application as separate (or several) PDF files?**

**A6.** No. Applications must be submitted as a single PDF file.

**Q7. My PDF file is too large to send by e-mail. Is there another way to submit the application?**

**A7.** If you have already compressed the PDF file, you can send the PDF file by FTP (file transfer protocol). See: <http://www.yale.edu/its/email/transfer.html>

**Q8. Can more than one candidate from a sponsor's laboratory submit an application for the Brown Coxe Fellowship?**

**A8.** No. A faculty member can sponsor only one applicant. He/she must decide at the time of application which candidate to sponsor for this Fellowship.

**Q9. The biosketch form has only a half-inch margin. Do I need to reduce or make some other adjustment to the form to meet the one-inch margin requirement?**

**A9.** No. Biosketches will be accepted as is, regardless of margin size.

**Q10. My sponsor is known to be an excellent mentor. Does he/she need to include a mentoring plan in the letter of support?**

**A10.** Yes. The mentoring plan must be included and it must be specific to the applicant.

**Please check back. Questions and answers will be added as the need arises.**

**Download a complete Brown-Coxe Fellowship packet, including application forms and instructions, at: [http://www.yale.edu/grants/funding\\_info/brown-coxe.html](http://www.yale.edu/grants/funding_info/brown-coxe.html)**