

ISMMS-KiiLN Postdoctoral Entrepreneurship Award

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – \$10,000 prize

Established in 2019 through a gift from the KiiLN co-founders, this award will recognize postdoctoral fellows who start or lead companies to address unmet needs in life sciences. These needs would include but not be limited to Basic Science, Translational Science, and Clinical Care Delivery. The award will highlight entrepreneurial endeavors of ISMMS postdoctoral fellows who take their discoveries beyond the bench by creating diagnostics, devices, therapeutic products, etc.

KiiLN is a non-profit accelerator for biotech startups, founded in 2012 by five ISMMS postdoctoral fellows and funded in part by the Small Business Administration. KiiLN has co-organized the annual Foundation conference to bring together biotech ecosystem supporters, including investors, biotech/pharma mentors, legal advisors and experienced entrepreneurs.



KiiLN co-founders (left to right) Ilse Daehn, Gabriella Casalena, Nicole McKnight, Yana Zorina, and Merina Varghese.

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS), together with Keystone for Incubating Innovation in Life sciences Network (KiiLN), request applications for the **ISMMS-KiiLN Postdoctoral Entrepreneurship Award** to be presented at the *Annual Innovation Awards Ceremony*. This award is an annual prize to honor postdoctoral entrepreneurs.

Apply now if you:

- 1- Are a current or former ISMMS postdoctoral fellow; or have a team that includes at least one ISMMS postdoctoral fellow as co-founder or C-suite executive **AND**
- 2- Have formed a company (e.g. startup or non-profit organization) addressing an unmet need, or have commercialized an invention, or have developed a technology, etc.

Please note: one-time cash prize (after tax withholding) is awarded to the winning applicant (individual or team).

How to apply

Submit your resume (1 page per team member), together with an executive summary (maximum 2 pages) of the company including the following:

- Name(s)
- Affiliation(s) (ISMMS Department. Former postdocs, please include when you were affiliated with ISMMS)
- Describe the unmet need or problem your company addresses. Who are your customers?
- Describe your technology, including what makes it unique/ better than competitors, and your metrics for success
- Describe the status of your company (e.g. ownership of license, team members and their roles, fundraising stage, participation in entrepreneur programs, etc.)

If your technology/idea was developed at Mount Sinai, please disclose to Mount Sinai Innovation Partners [Invention Disclosure Portal](#). We strongly encourage team leaders who are women and/or from diverse backgrounds to apply.

Where & when to apply

Submit applications as a single PDF file to yun.li@mssm.edu and cc: team@kiiln.org. Please label the file with the company name (e.g, NewCo-KiiLN Application).

Deadline is 5PM, August 15, 2023; winners will be announced in November 2023.

