

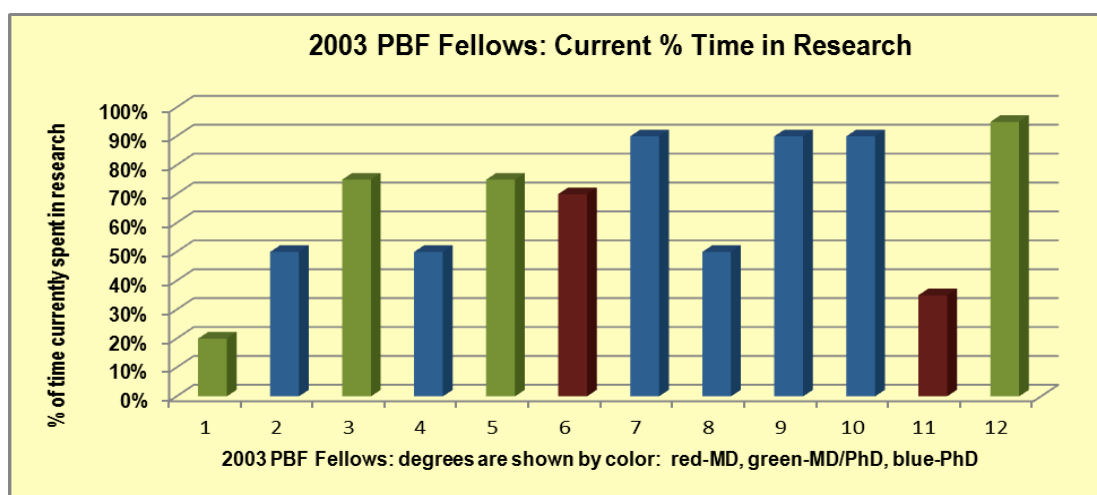


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Survey of 2003 PBF Fellows

Conducted in August 2011

Twelve of the fourteen 2003 PBF Fellows responded to the survey. All 12 survey respondents continue working in research, and 10 report spending more than 50% time in research. The chart below shows percent of time currently spent in research; the degrees held are shown by color, red for MDs, green for MD/PhDs, and blue for PhDs.



RESEARCH FUNDING AND PUBLICATION PRODUCTIVITY

The twelve 2003 PBF Fellows have received \$20.9M direct research dollars in the eight years since their PBF Fellowship award. Seven of the 12 respondents have received one or more NIH K or R level awards. They have an average of 1.7 peer-reviewed publications per year, with 1.3 peer-reviewed publications per year as 1st, 2nd or last author. The 12 fellows reported 178 peer-reviewed publications, many of which appeared in high-impact scientific journals, including 4 in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine (AJRCCM), 4 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; 6 in the Journal of Immunology; 4 in the American Journal of Physiology: Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology; and one each in the New England Journal of Medicine, Nature Genetics, and the Journal of the American Medical Association.

CONCLUSIONS

The 2003 PBF fellows are becoming very successful. Their statements are very positive about the importance of the PBF Fellowship for their career development. Ten of the respondents hold faculty positions and continue to spend the majority of their time in research; and all but one are in academic environments. The PBF Fellows have been productive, both in terms of high quality publications and independent grant funding. These fellows reflect the continuing contributions of the PBF program to training new generations of successful MD and PhD scientists devoted to all aspects of pulmonary research.



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The 2003 PBF Fellow survey respondents' comments on what the PBF Fellowship has meant to their careers:

PBF was instrumental in my academic achievements, not only by the financial support that I received at the time but also by providing me with an academic and scientific rank and reputation that made me competitive and capable of moving forward in my scientific and research career.

When I received the PBF Fellowship, my husband had just gotten a faculty position at Memorial University. I thought it was unlikely I would get an academic position at the same institution so I was making plans to leave science. The PBF fellowship allowed me to remain an academic researcher until I was able to get my own faculty job. The PBF fellowship steered me strongly in the direction of health research and in particular lung research, areas where I'm still active today, but which are not-obvious choices for a person with 3 physics degrees to enter.

The PBF Fellowship award provided critical funding and protected time that allowed me to transition from fellowship to a research oriented faculty position. While I have not continued with the specific project funded by the fellowship, the experiences gained did aid in developing my current translational research focus.

This award was the first research grant I received and was instrumental in providing me the independence and confidence to pursue the study of respiratory biology. Moreover, it is a well-recognized, prestigious award that was frequently a point of enthusiasm while interviewing for faculty positions.

The PBF Fellowship award was a wonderful honor that launched my independent academic career. In addition, it provided funds used to collect preliminary data for later grants.

The PBF Fellowship was crucial for my research, providing the funding to allow me to join the UW faculty as a physician-scientist, and the project helped me develop my collaboration with the NHLBI ARDSnet leading to two publications and further grants.

PBF Fellowship was awarded to me at a very critical point in my career when I was transitioning from a post-doc into an independent investigator. The 3 years of PBF Fellowship served as a much needed bridge between obtaining additional independent funding such as an American Cancer Society research scholar grant and NIH RO1, and obtaining a tenure track position in a top notch medical school. None of this would have been possible without the 3 years of the PBF Fellowship.

My PBF fellowship funded my training with the top researchers in the fields of SIDS and respiratory neurobiology for 3 years. During that time I was able to learn techniques, gain knowledge, and establish myself in the field. My training allowed me to secure an assistant professorship that allows me to continue doing very important research while incorporating a new generation of scientists into my research program.

In short, the PBF Fellowship got me my first faculty position! It launched my career. I will always be grateful to the Francis Family Foundation for this!

PBF Fellowship was a major incentive for my research career. Without doubt, the PBF Fellowship facilitated my subsequent funding by AHA and NIH/NHLBI and influenced my research.

The PBF fellowship provided me with crucial initial support to get my laboratory established and my early career going.

The research I did as a Parker B. Francis fellow was the basis for my PhD dissertation and provided me with a solid foundation in the methodologic and ethical principles critical to the conduct of patient-based clinical research.