

# **The Nikolas Symposium XXX**

## **“Thirty Years of the Nikolas Symposium & Neurodegeneration in LCH”**

**May 14 to 17, 2020**

### **Applications Requested for the Dr. Jon Pritchard Award**

Each May, a group of international experts assembles in Greece to hold a symposium dedicated to finding a rational cure for the rare condition Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH) and other histiocytic diseases. This meeting is called the Nikolas Symposium and is named after a young man, Nikolas, who has been afflicted by LCH (<http://www.niksym.org/>). These symposia are held in a setting conducive to the open presentation of cutting edge ideas and data, along with scientifically rigorous dialogue.

One to two young investigators are selected annually to receive a travel award to support their attendance at the meeting and to allow them to present their work. Funds available through this fellowship cover travel costs. This fellowship award has been named in memory of Dr. Jon Pritchard, one of the physicians who cared for Nikolas. Dr. Pritchard was a pioneer in LCH research and a caring clinician who provided expert care for patients with the histiocytic disorders and cancer. The Pritchard award(s) will be selected by a designated committee, following a review of applications.

**Who should apply:** Anyone interested in basic or translational studies of the histiocytic syndromes may apply. This also includes research on dendritic cells or macrophage biology.

**How to apply:** Interested applicants should send a cover letter; curriculum vitae (not more than 3 pages in length); and a summary of their past and on-going work focusing on its relevance to the Histiocytoses (not more than 3 single-spaced 8x11 inch pages, including references, using a 12-point font and margins of 1 inch). Application materials must be submitted as Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or pdf files. Pritchard Award recipients will present a 20-minute talk on their work during the symposium.

#### **Where and when to send applications:**

Applications should be sent by email to: Dr. Barrett Rollins at [barrett\\_rollins@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:barrett_rollins@dfci.harvard.edu) not later than 6:00 pm (EST) January 13, 2020.