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[Staff Council, Faculty Council to discuss parental leave goals](#)^[15]

The University of Colorado Staff Council (UCSC) will collaborate with the university's Faculty Council to develop tandem reports on a potential parental leave policy for the university.

UCSC has been gathering information about parental leave for nearly two years, surveying the policies of peer institutions and businesses, assessing costs and crunching numbers to provide a robust picture of how many people use leave at the university, as well as at the state and national levels.

Annie Melzer – one of the council members charged with developing a white paper on parental leave, including paid time off – told the council during its regular December meeting that she will meet in January with Faculty Council members who also are interested in developing a standard policy for the university.

Currently there is no university-wide leave policy for parents. Melzer said faculty parental leave varies by campus and has no consistency; university staff members are not afforded leave other than what is available through the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

Melzer said the Faculty Council may develop its own leave policy suggestions because of varying types of faculty employment that are more complicated than an hourly or salaried staff position. However, in order to present a united front to university administrators, UCSC members agreed to hold their nearly completed white paper on staff parental leave until Faculty Council is further along in its exploratory process or until it has a completed proposal.

[CU faculty researchers invited to apply for Boettcher Investigator status](#)^[16]

[Boettcher Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Awards](#)[17] from [Boettcher Foundation](#)[18] on [Vimeo](#)[19].

The University of Colorado and the Boettcher Foundation announce the 2018 [Boettcher Foundation Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Awards Program](#)[20].

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Boettcher Foundation has established the Boettcher Foundation Webb-Waring Biomedical Research Awards program, which will provide up to six grants of \$235,000 each covering up to three years of research activity with the intent to provide independent research opportunities to promising and talented early career investigators. Awardees will carry the title of Boettcher Investigator in acknowledgement of the prestige of the award.

The biomedical research supported pursuant to this grant program will be designed to find ways to prevent disease and improve human health through basic and applied biomedical research. The intent of the program is to fund meritorious research that has the potential for new discoveries or advances a discovery to the proof of its potential value as an application to improve human health. This research will improve the understanding, treatment and prevention of human disease.

Since the first awards granted in July 2010, the Boettcher Foundation has awarded [CU's 33 current Boettcher Investigators](#)[21] more than \$7.6 million.

PRE-SUBMISSION WEBINAR (NEW IN 2018)

Potential applicants may learn more information about the award program, the application and selection process and participate in a Q&A with the chair and vice chair of the 2018 selection panel. The session will cover the purpose of the program, how to apply, the selection criteria, details on what the panel is looking for and tips for submitting proposals.

[REGISTER HERE](#)[22]

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible faculty researchers from all four CU campuses are encouraged to apply. For purposes of this program, an eligible early career investigator (ECI):

Is within four years of appointment to his/her career-track academic position (i.e., whose career-track appointments began no earlier than Jan. 1, 2013); Has not previously received a major independent research award; Has received a terminal degree or completed his/her medical residency within the 10 years preceding the application (i.e., on or after Jan. 1, 2007); and Is either a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.

For more details, go to: <http://www.cu.edu/bfww/eligibility>[23]

Applications must be submitted to your campus grants office by the deadlines included in the following campus-specific instructions:

[University of Colorado Boulder](#)[24][University of Colorado Colorado Springs](#)[25][University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus](#)[26]

Do not contact the Boettcher Foundation directly.

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