

# Grantee Perception Report®

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# Methodology (1)

- ◆ The Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP) has surveyed almost 60,000 grantees of 231 philanthropic funders since spring 2003. Please see the Appendix for a list of all funders whose grantees CEP has surveyed.
- ◆ This customized Grantee Perception Report® (GPR) contains data collected over the last three years, and includes almost 20,000 grantee responses of about 114 philanthropic funders.<sup>1</sup>
  - CEP surveyed 77 fiscal year 2007 grantees of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation-Medical Research Program (“DDCF-MRP”) during September and October 2008. CEP received 64 completed responses, a 83 percent response rate. The survey used for the MRP Program is customized from CEP’s grantee standard survey.
  - The average and/or median rating for these respondents is shown throughout this report.
  - Grantees submitted responses via mail and the Web.
- ◆ DDCF-MRP provided grantee contact information.
- ◆ Selected grantee comments are shown throughout this report. This selection of comments highlights major themes and reflects trends in the data. These selected comments over-represent negative comments about DDCF-MRP in order to offer funder leadership a wide range of perspectives.
- ◆ Throughout this report, whenever possible, the average rating for DDCF-MRP responses is compared to other sources of comparative data gathered by CEP. Comparisons have been made between data from very similar or identical questions from a survey of DDCF grantees from other programs. Where questions were not identical, the differences are noted. The comparisons that are presented in this report are:
  - The ranges of average ratings of grantee responses for the 114 individual foundations whose grantees CEP has surveyed from 2006 through 2008.
  - The average response for DDCF grantees outside the Foundation’s Medical Research Program.

# Key Findings

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Medical Research Program (“DDCF-MRP”) is rated highly by awardees on many measures of this Grantee Perception Report, including their overall satisfaction with their experience with the Foundation. Awardees perceive the Foundation’s effect on their field very positively, particularly its impact on physician-scientists and the extent to which awardees believe the Foundation’s reputation enhances their career advancement or training program. The Foundation’s impact on awardees’ recognition within their institution and field, however, is rated somewhat lower in comparison to these other field-related measures, but still quite positively overall.

In terms of its impact on their work, 96 percent of awardees report that they expect to sustain their work beyond the award period and most say that the Foundation’s award significantly improved their ability to obtain additional support. Awardees also report an overall shift in the focus of their research after receiving the award toward translational clinical research. Yet, while there was an overall positive move toward translational clinical research, the majority of individual respondents do not indicate a shift in their work.

MRP awardees rate their interactions with the Foundation very positively, including the accessibility of MRP staff and the helpfulness of MRP staff in answering questions and resolving problems.

DDCF’s MRP proposal and creation process is more time consuming than that of the median funder and that of other DDCF programs. It receives somewhat less positive ratings for its transparency, with awardees frequently asking for greater feedback from reviewers.

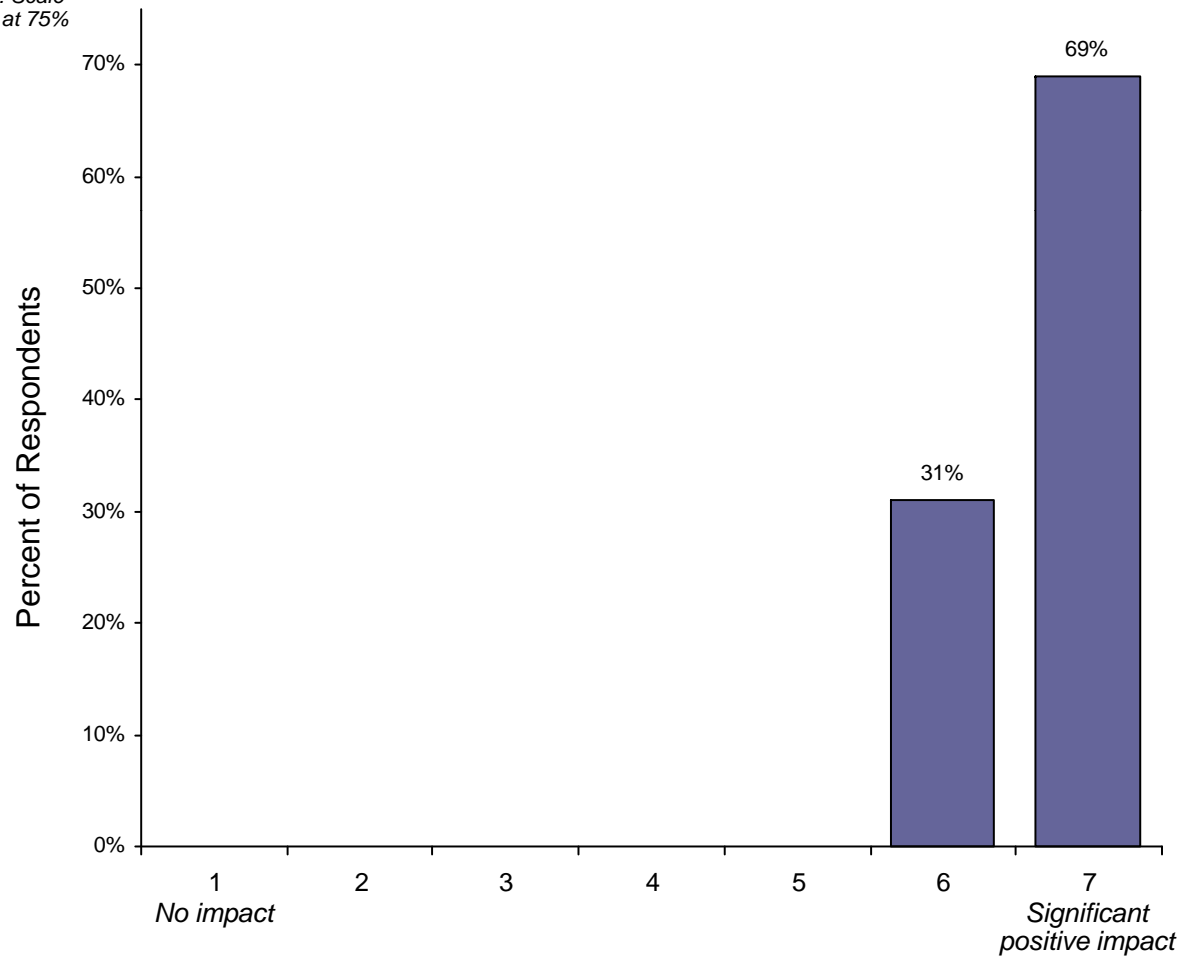
Awardees also shared their views on the greatest unmet need in clinical research that could be addressed by a private foundation. Most responses center on grantmaking practices with 35 percent of comments specifically requesting that private foundations provide more funding for junior researchers.

# Impact on Physician-Scientists

- ◆ DDCF-MRP awardees rate the Foundation’s impact on the support of physician-scientists a 6.7 on a 1 to 7 scale where 1=No impact and 7=Significant positive impact.

“Overall, how would you rate the Foundation's impact on the support of physician-scientists?”

Note: Scale ends at 75%



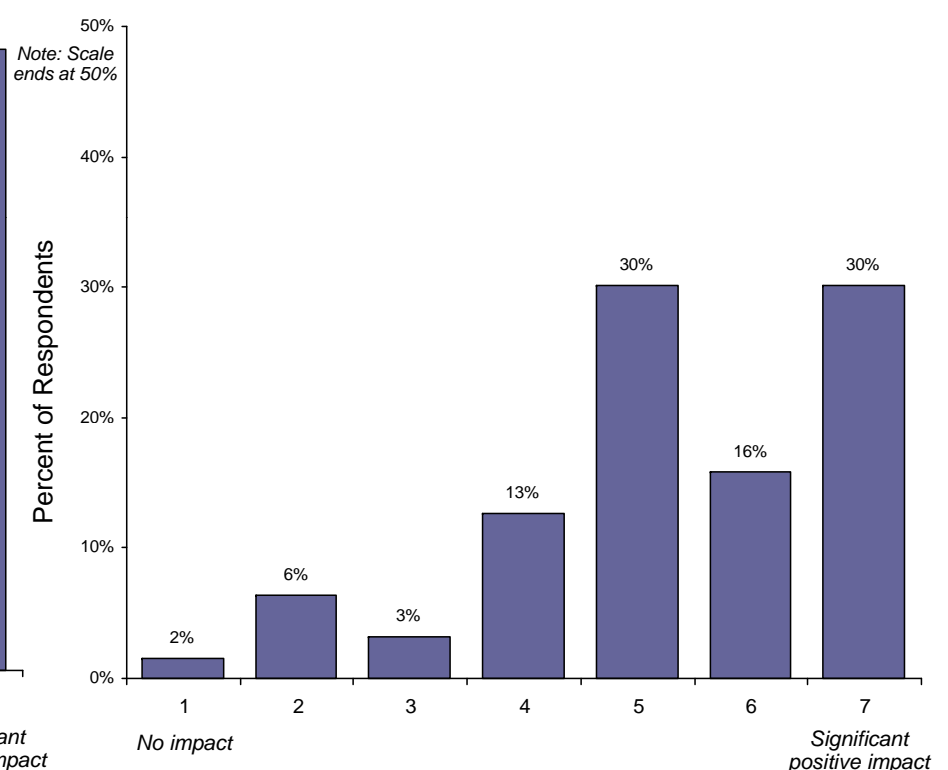
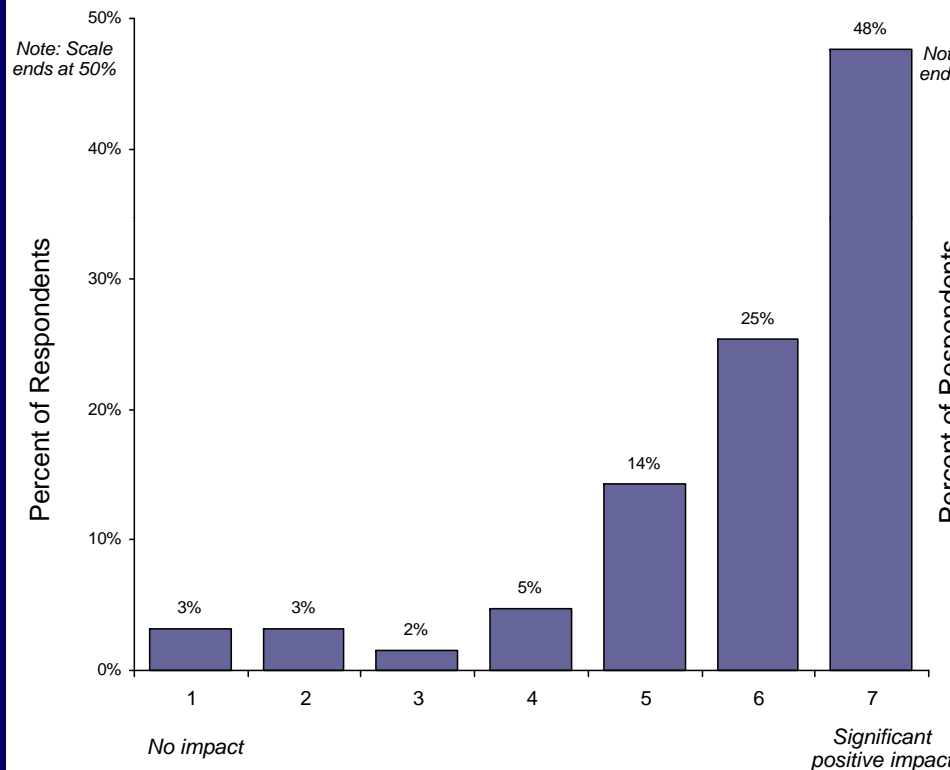
Awardee Affiliation	Average Rating
<b>Overall DDCF-MRP</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Distinguished Clinical Science Awardees	6.8
Clinical Scientist Development Awardees	6.7
Clinical Research Fellowship Program Awardees	6.5

# Recognition within the Institution and Field

- DDCF-MRP awardees rate the Foundation’s impact on their recognition within their institution a 5.9 on a 1 to 7 scale where 1=No impact and 7=Significant positive impact. Awardees rate the Foundation’s impact on their recognition within their field a 5.3.

“How has receipt of the award from the Foundation impacted your recognition within your institution?”

“How has receipt of the award from the Foundation impacted your recognition within your field?”



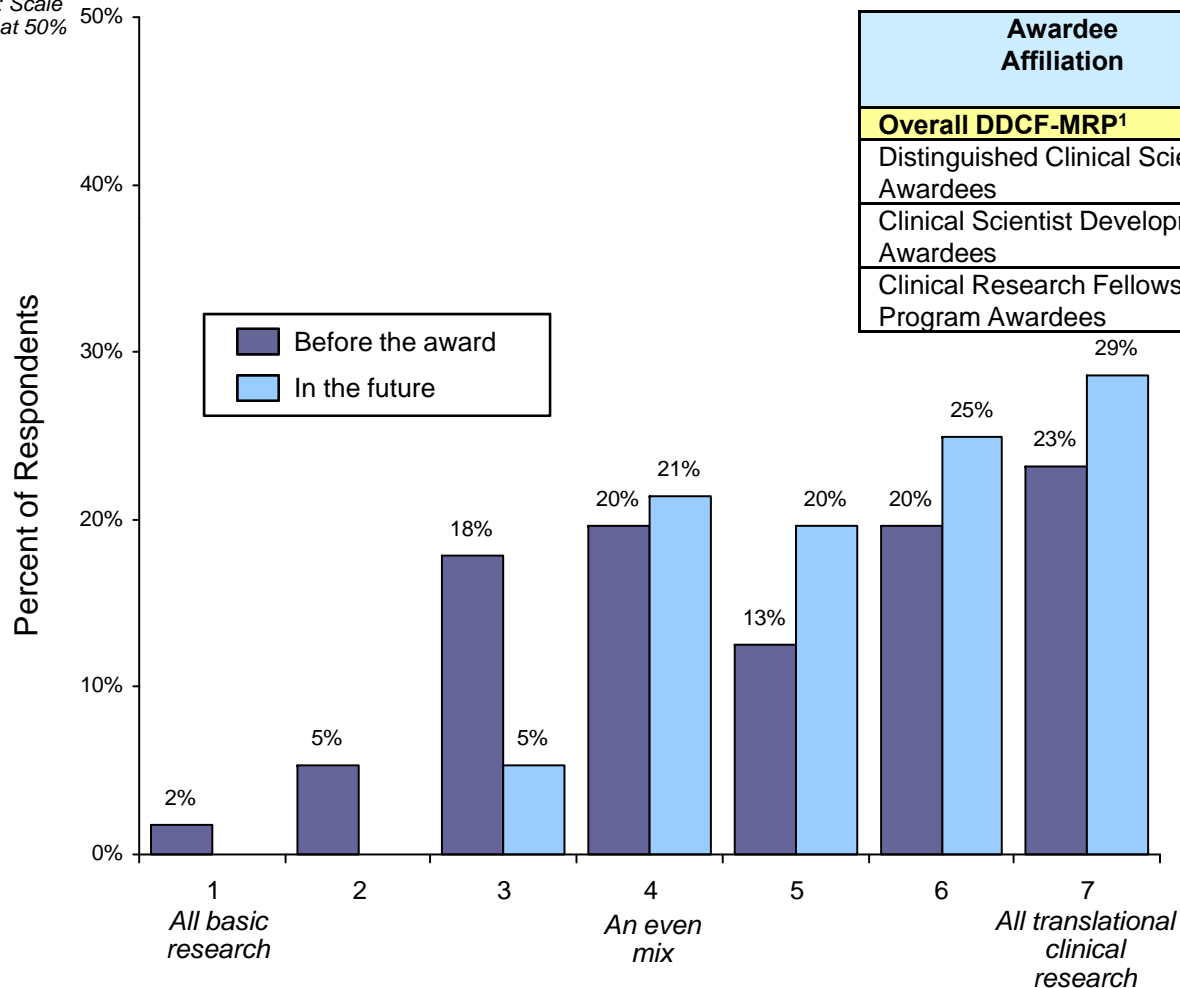
Awardee Affiliation	Average Rating on Recognition in Institution	Average Rating on Recognition in Field
<b>Overall DDCF-MRP</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Distinguished Clinical Science Awardees	5.9	5.8
Clinical Scientist Development Awardees	5.8	5.3
Clinical Research Fellowship Program Awardees	6.6	5.0

# Basic versus Clinical Research (1)

- ◆ Before the award, Distinguished Clinical Science and Clinical Science Development Awardees rate the extent to which their research focused on basic research vs. translational clinical research a 4.9 on a the on a 1 to 7 scale where 1=All basic research, 4=An even mix, and 7=All clinical translational research. Awardees rate the extent to which their research will focus on basic vs. translational clinical research a 5.5.

Extent to which research focused (will focus) on basic science research and/or training versus translational clinical research and/or training.<sup>1</sup>

Note: Scale ends at 50%



Awardee Affiliation	Average Rating Before	Average Rating Future	Percent increase in rating
<b>Overall DDCF-MRP<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>12%</b>
Distinguished Clinical Science Awardees	4.1	5.4	31%
Clinical Scientist Development Awardees	5.0	5.6	12%
Clinical Research Fellowship Program Awardees	N/A	N/A	N/A

1: Clinical Research Fellowship Program Awardees not included in ratings on this measure.  
 Note: Number of respondents = Before-56, Future-56. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

# Satisfaction

- DDCF-MRP awardees rate their overall satisfaction with their experience with the Foundation a 6.5 on a 1 to 7 scale where 1=Very dissatisfied and 7=Extremely satisfied.

“Overall, how satisfied are you with your experience with the Foundation?”

