FUNDING AVAILABLE – 2018 - Letters of Intent due December 22, 2017

Mayo Translational Polycystic Kidney Disease Center (MTPC)
Pilot and Feasibility Program

The MTPC is currently accepting letters of intent for Pilot and Feasibility projects involving basic or translational polycystic kidney disease research. The letters of intent for Pilot and Feasibility projects should not be more than a single page outlining the aims, approach, and anticipated outcomes, in addition to the MTPC Core services that will be used for the project. Please include a project title, your appointment category, and your department/division. Investigators both within and outside the Mayo Clinic are encouraged to apply for these awards. Use of the MTPC Core facilities is a requirement:
Molecular Genetics and Biomarker Core http://mayoresearch.mayo.edu/mayo/research/polycystic-kidney-disease-center/genetics-proteomics-core.cfm
Model Systems Core http://mayoresearch.mayo.edu/mayo/research/polycystic-kidney-disease-center/model-systems-core.cfm
Human Imaging Core http://mayoresearch.mayo.edu/mayo/research/polycystic-kidney-disease-center/human-imaging-core.cfm

The MTPC will provide up to $40K for potentially four Pilot and Feasibility projects for one year (7/1/18-6/30/19), with the possibility of renewal for a second year based on performance (7/1/19-6/30/20), up to an additional $40,000.

The Pilot and Feasibility program is designed to provide funds to support new investigators beginning careers in PKD research or to support innovative research proposals from experienced investigators who plan to change their research focus. The goal of the program is to provide investigators with sufficient funds to obtain preliminary data that can be used to support applications for research grants from external agencies, especially NIH R01 grant submissions. The PI of the Pilot and Feasibility award is required to submit a grant related to the project bordering the end of the second year of funding.

Three general categories of investigators are eligible for Pilot and Feasibility project funding:

1. New investigators without current or past NIH research project support (R01 or P01) as a principal investigator.
2. Established, funded investigators with no previous work in PKD, who wish to test the applicability of their expertise to a problem in this area.
3. On rare occasions, established PKD investigators who wish to test the feasibility of a new or innovative idea, which constitutes a significant departure from their funded research.

Additional eligibility requirements:

- Pilot and Feasibility funds cannot be used for training purposes.
- If the applicant is associated with a group led by a more senior investigator, the senior investigator must provide a letter identifying areas of overlap and autonomy, and clarifying that the intent of the Pilot and Feasibility proposal is to lead to independent research autonomy for the applicant.
- Applicants must have faculty appointments.
- Applicants that have been chosen for final review by the External Advisory Board (EAC) will be invited to present their proposal to the EAC at the annual meeting which will be held April 6-7, 2018.

Proposals from new investigators without current or past NIH research project support (R01 or P01) and as a principal investigator will be prioritized. The proposals should present a testable hypothesis and clearly delineate the question being addressed, detail the procedures to be followed and how the data will be analyzed, and include the use of one or more of the biomedical cores.

Interested applicants should submit a one-page letter of intent and include a current NIH biosketch (NIH format https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/all-forms-and-formats.htm) and an up-to-date list of past (3 yrs), current and pending funding support for the PI. These documents should be sent to Mary Bennett at bennett.mary@mayo.edu no later than December 22, 2017.

Invitations will be extended for full proposals in early January, which will be due February 12, 2018. The proposals should also be sent to bennett.mary@mayo.edu. Directions for the full proposals will be attached to the invitation to submit.

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