
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER: RFA-TR-18-006

PURPOSE:
- To invite applications for NextGen Tissue Chip Testing Center that will provide resources and infrastructure for the validation of tissue chips being developed as part of the NIH Tissue Chip for Drug Screening Program or NIH Microphysiological Systems (MPS) Program
- To accelerate the transition of NIH-supported research innovations and technologies toward a self-sustaining model to continue the validation of various MPS platforms
- To support research and development (R&D) specifically targeted at activities that can help address the funding gap between promising R&D and transitioning to the market, often called the “Valley of Death” by contributing the critical funding needed by applicants to pursue the next appropriate milestone(s) toward commercialization; and to foster partnerships among a variety of research and development (R&D) collaborators working toward these aims

ELIGIBILITY:
- Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:
- Award Budget: up to $1,000,000 direct costs per year
  - UCSF indirect cost policy will apply except for non-federal entities.
- Project Period: up to 2 years

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 1

APPLICATION TYPES ALLOWED: New

DUE DATES:
- Internal: 11:59 PM, Friday, January 12th, 2018. If multiple groups submit an LOI, a pre-application will be due Friday, January 26th.
- Please note PIs may submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated

Submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) by 11:59 PM, January 12th, 2018, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu
The LSP is a selection process, not an award process. As the LSP is under significant time constraints, all reviewer feedback is optional. We encourage you to seek other avenues for proposal feedback.

Sent by Lisa Howard on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submission Program (LSP)