UCSF May Submit 2 Applications, 1 per Program

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Recording of UCSF Keck Foundation Research Program Information Session:
http://lecture.ucsf.edu/ets/Play/d95abdb1443649d09a19bd87be1bca221d

WHAT:
- The W.M. Keck Foundation Medical Research Program
- The W.M. Keck Foundation Science & Engineering Program
- (http://www.wmkeck.org/grant-programs/research)

Note: You will identify the program for which you believe your project is most appropriate. Science & Engineering applications should prioritize technological impact in engineering/science fields rather than advancing medical research.

PURPOSE:
- To advance the frontiers of medicine, science, and engineering to benefit humanity by supporting pioneering high-risk/high-impact research projects

ELIGIBILITY:
- Senior or early career investigators performing basic (not clinical) research
- Projects must be distinctive, novel, pushing the edge of the field or questioning the prevailing paradigm
- Support is for pioneering biological, science, and engineering research and the development of breakthrough technologies, methodologies, and/or instrumentation
- Projects should fall outside the mission of public funding agencies, demonstrating that private philanthropy, generally, and the W.M. Keck Foundation, in particular, is essential to the project's success

Keck is looking for high-risk, novel, unique projects that have potentially transformative, large, broad impact across many fields. Proposals should not be disease-specific, and should not be federally fundable (unless possibly by a Pioneer or similar award).

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD REQUIREMENTS:
- Budget: $1m
  - A compelling case must be made for funding in excess of $1m. Requests exceeding $1m could affect competitiveness.
  - Not allowed: indirect costs, tuition, PI support exceeding 10% annual salary or renovation costs exceeding 10% of total request
- Project period: typically 3 years, though 2 is acceptable
  - Rationale must be provided if 4 years are requested.

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 1 per Program
QUESTIONS:

- Regarding the W.M. Keck Foundation: Suzy Beemer, Executive Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, 415.514.2612 or suzy.beemer@ucsf.edu
- Regarding the internal review process: Lisa Howard, LSP Program Coordinator, 415.502.1662 or lisa.howard@ucsf.edu

DUE DATES:

- **May 17, 2017 (10am):** Internal deadline
  - Please note PIs may submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated
- June 19, 2017: PI notified of internal first-round selection, potential candidacy
- June 30, 2017: Deadline for revised pre-proposal for first round nominees
- August 2017: PI notified of selection to submit full Phase 1 application
- September 2017: Check with your department’s RMS team for date by which they need application before foundation submission
- October 2, 2017: Drafts due to Suzy Beemer
- November 1, 2017: Keck Foundation Phase I application deadline
- January 15, 2018: Keck Foundation invitations issued for Phase II proposals
- February 15, 2018: Keck Foundation Phase II proposal due, if invited
- March or April 2018: Proposal presentation to Keck officers (if Phase II invited)
- June 2018: Awards announced

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by **10am, May 17, 2017**, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications)  
   (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch-blankformat-Forms-D.docx)
3. 1-page maximum concept paper* providing the following:
   - Overview of the research proposed emphasizing any unique aspects and pilot studies
   - Brief description of the key personnel and methodologies
   - Brief justification of the need for **Keck support specifically** (as opposed to federal funding)
   - Estimated budget broken down, if possible, by major areas, e.g., personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, etc. (Budgets can be brief, rough approximations at this stage.)
   - Other germane details (e.g., background to put the research into perspective, description of the institution’s prominence in the field, etc.), space allowing

   *Concept paper requirements, no exceptions:
   - 12-pt font and 1-inch margins, 1 page maximum.
   - Avoid illustrations; use all available space for text
   - If a reference is necessary, abbreviate it as, e.g.: (Science, 323, 45, ’11)

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