We invite you to apply for the 2021 BridgeBio Rare Diseases Collaboration Program! The application including the proposal is due to our office by April 30th, 2021.

1. Opportunity
BridgeBio is looking for principal investigators studying rare disease therapeutics that may be interested in collaborating. BridgeBio is agonistic to disease area and therapeutic modality as long as drugs are directly compensating for a genetic alteration in diseases (e.g., inhibiting a mutated protein, replacing a defective gene, etc.). These collaborations can help advance an early-stage therapeutic idea to the point of a NewCo and to clinical trials.

2. Awards
Depending on the research plan, this award will provide the funding for 1-2 years of experimental work with $50,000 - $500,000 of funding. If BridgeBio builds a NewCo around this work, the investigator can stay involved as the scientific founder, if interested.

3. Area of Interest - Please see attached for more information
   - Any disease with at least roughly 5,000 patients in the US + EU and with a well-characterized mutation known to cause the disease
   - Any approach that directly targets or compensates for the underlying genetic defect (e.g., directly inhibits a gain-of-function protein, replaces a loss-of-function protein)
   - Any therapeutic modality that has shown general feasibility in humans, such as by showing efficacy in phase 2 or phase 3 clinical trial. This generally includes small molecules, antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates, peptides, topical formulas, viral-based gene therapies, and oligonucleotides.

4. Important Dates
   - Application Deadline: Friday, April 30th, at 5pm PT
   - Proposal Nomination: Friday, May 28th
   - PIs Presentation: Week of June 14th
   - Projects Selected for Funding: Wednesday, June 30th

5. Application
To apply, please submit your pre-proposal (attached) to UCSF Innovation Ventures by April 30th, 2021 for review via https://airtable.com/shrgb7f4Q7UG8vYuh. Application Deadline: April 30th, 2021

For further details regarding this opportunity, please contact Shae Ziaee at shae.ziaee@ucsf.edu.