WHAT: AASLD Foundation Autoimmune Liver Diseases Exploratory Research Award  
http://www.aasldfoundation.org/awards-programs/autoimmune-liver-diseases-exploratory-research-award

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this award is to provide supplementary funding during the pilot/exploratory phase of basic, translational, or clinical research projects in autoimmune liver disease (e.g., autoimmune hepatitis, primary sclerosing cholangitis, primary biliary cholangitis) in preparation for future grant applications by the recipient.

- Projects should address focused research questions pertaining to the pathogenesis, diagnosis, management, or outcome of autoimmune liver diseases in children and adults.
- Funding is meant to allow investigators to test new ideas or methods to gather sufficient data to apply for longer-term grants.

ELIGIBILITY:
- The applicant must:
  - Be at the pre-doctoral/graduate level, post-doctoral level, or junior faculty within the first five years of their first faculty appointment (including prior appointments in universities outside of North America) at the start of the award (faculty appointment starting no earlier than July 1, 2019).
    - NOTE: Two applications are allowed per department and all three levels must compete against each other.
  - Be a member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) at the time of award application and maintain active membership for the duration of the award period.
  - Be able to devote at least 20% effort to the research project on which this application is based.
  - Have a mentor or co-mentor who is an AASLD member in good standing at the time of application and for the duration of the award period.
  - Not hold or have held any other similar award that is intended to primarily support the salary of early career investigators (including but not limited to NIH R, P or most K level grants (see sponsor website for more common programs).

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:
- Award Budget: $20,000 direct costs per year
  - Funds may only be used for PI salary support and/or for technical support/laboratory supplies (excluding capital equipment) for the recipient. No additional or indirect costs, registration fees, or travel expenses are allowed.
- Project Period: 1 years (July 01, 2024, thru June 30, 2025)
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 2 per department.

DUE DATES:
- **Internal**: NOON, Wednesday, October 18, 2023.
- PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.
- **Sponsor**: Monday, December 04, 2023

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by NOON, October 18th to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu
1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email). Form requests you indicate:
   - Level/Faculty – Pre-doctoral/graduate, Post-Doctoral, Junior Faculty
   - Junior Faculty - if this is the last year you will be eligible for this award.
   - Department - which department you are applying for
2. Project Summary (1-pg. max, excluding references)
3. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications)
   (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm)

To qualify for UCSF Limited Submission Program opportunities, applicants must have a paid UCSF appointment either at the time of application or anticipated by the time of award.

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.

For information on all current LSOs, please visit: http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp

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