UCSF May Submit 1 Application

Internal Deadline: 11:59 PM, Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS


REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER: RFA-IP-22-004

PURPOSE:
- To support a network of US institutions that can identify laboratory-confirmed cases of acute respiratory illness due to influenza, SARS-CoV-2, and other viruses of major public health concern, among ambulatory patients seeking healthcare for acute respiratory illness and related symptomology.
- To provide accurate estimates of the effectiveness of influenza, COVID-19, and other vaccines against respiratory virus-associated illness in the above population. Estimates of vaccine effectiveness against these illnesses will be used to inform vaccine recommendations and assess public health impact of vaccination programs to prevent viral illness-related healthcare encounters and medical visits among persons of all ages.
- Applicants must apply to either:
  - Component A:
    - Enroll patients meeting standard symptom criteria.
    - Confirm viral infection using approved molecular assays.
    - Estimate influenza and SARS-CoV-2 vaccine effectiveness (VE) using a test-negative study design.
    - Perform viral genomic characterization of select respiratory specimens from enrolled participants.
  - Component A applicants may also apply to one or more of the following Optional Components:
    - Component C: Conduct a case-ascertained household transmission study.
    - Component D: Conduct an immunologic study of the responses to influenza and COVID-19 virus vaccination.
    - Component E: Perform complex laboratory assays and analyses of influenza viral genomics.
- Component B:
  - Perform data coordination activities for the network of Component A awardees.

ELIGIBILITY:
- All applicants, collaborators, and consultants must be located in the United States.
- 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.

**BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:**
- Ceiling and floor amounts (total costs per year) for each component are as follows:

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- UCSF indirect cost policy will apply except for non-federal entities.
- Project Period: up to 5 years

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**APPLICATION TYPES ALLOWED:** New

**DUE DATES:**
- **Internal:** 11:59 PM, Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022. If multiple groups submit an LOI, an additional pre-application will be due Wednesday, March 30th.
- PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.
- Sponsor: Monday, May 9th, 2022.

Submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) by 11:59 PM, March 23rd, to: [limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu)

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](http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp)

Sent by Avity Norman on behalf of the Limited Submissions Program (LSP) within the Research Development Office (RDO).