UCSF May Submit 1 Application

Internal Deadline: NOON, Tuesday, October 17, 2023

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS

WHAT: American Heart Association - Strategically Focused Research Network (SFRN) on Inflammation in Cardiac and Neurovascular Disease
https://professional.heart.org/en/research-programs/aha-funding-opportunities/sfrn-on-inflammation-in-cardiac-and-neurovascular-disease

PURPOSE:

- This SFRN will consist of at least three centers. Funded centers will be expected to collaborate on solving the core issues underlying this problem, including via development of a common network-wide collaborative project.
- Each center application will include three (3) research projects – a basic science study, a clinical/translational component. Applicants may choose the science discipline (basis, clinical/translational, or population health) for their third project.
- Each center must train 3 postdoctoral fellows over the four-year grant period (for example, one fellow in years 1-2; one fellow in years 2-3; one fellow in years 3-4). Fellows must maintain a minimum of 75% effort to research training.
- To support a collaborative network of researchers whose collective efforts will lead to enhanced understanding of the role of inflammation in the myocardium, cardiotoxicity, and/or neurovascular disease. In keeping with AHA’s commitment to supporting diverse researchers and institutions, one of the following conditions must be met. A letter will be required as part of the required pre-proposal confirming that the institution meets these conditions.
- Center applications must originate from investigators at academic institutions that primarily serve individuals from groups who are under-represented in science or from investigators at a non-research-intensive institution as defined by NIH (an average of less than $7.5M in total NIH funding over the past three fiscal years).
  - Also, center applications can originate from research-intensive institutions, those institutions must partner with an institution from one of the two categories noted in the preceding paragraph. Investigators from these partnering institutions must be included in a substantive manner.

ELIGIBILITY:

- See link (above) for citizenship, residency & visa requirements.
- Center Directors and Project Principal Investigators:
  - Must be an AHA Professional Member before submitting a full proposal. (Membership is not required to submit a pre-proposal.)
  - Must possess an MD, PhD, DO, DVM or equivalent doctoral degree at time of application.
  - Must have a faculty or staff appointment.
  - May hold another AHA award simultaneously.
Must demonstrate a 20% minimum effort requirement for the Director and a 10% minimum effort requirement for Principal Investigators (PI) of Center projects. These responsibilities are mutually exclusive, i.e., a Center Director who also serves as a Project PI must contribute a combined effort of 30%. Each named Director and PI must be able to commit the minimum effort required and may not split these efforts across more than one person.

- **Named Fellows**
  - At least 50% of the fellows named must be from a racial or ethnic group that is underrepresented in science or an LGBTQ+ person, or a woman.
  - May not hold another comparable fellowship award, although the institution may provide supplemental funding.
  - May not hold a faculty or staff appointment, except for MD or MD/PhD trainees who also maintain clinical responsibilities.
  - May hold the title of instructor or similar due to their patient care responsibilities but must devote at least 75% effort to research training.

**BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:**

- **Award Budget:** up to $4,400,000 total costs for a Center
  - indirect costs for operating expenses may be charged up to ten percent (10%) of the total expenditures each year on awards at the awardee institution. Any subcontract awardee institution (if applicable) is allowed institutional indirect costs up to ten percent (10%) of the total expenditures of the subcontract. The awardee institution may not charge indirect costs on the direct costs of a subcontract.

- **Project Period:** 4 years.

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT:** 1

**DUE DATES:**

- **Internal:** NOON, Tuesday, October 17, 2023.
- **PIs submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated.**
- **Sponsor LOIs required:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023
- **Sponsor Proposal Deadline (if invited):** January 23, 2024

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by NOON, October 17th to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email).
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](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](http://rdo.ucsf.edu/limited-submission-program-lsp)
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