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CLINICAL RESEARCH & INNOVATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (CRISP)
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Program Description and Objectives
The primary objectives of the Clinical Research & Innovation Support Program (CRISP) is to promote high quality, investigator-initiated, clinical research at Ochsner and support investigators in their effort to obtain extramural funding for their research program. CRISP will provide, for a limited period, seed funds to initiate (or continue) research projects that 1) focus on clinical areas of interest to the institution, 2) have a high potential to impact medical practice and, 3) have a high potential to attract external funding. An explicit expectation of this initiative is that awardees will leverage the results obtained from the supported projects to prepare competitive applications for submission to extramural funding agencies to continue or expand their research program after expiration of CRISP support.

To be eligible for a CRISP grant, the Principal Investigator of the proposed research project must be an Ochsner physician-scientist in good standing. Although not strictly required, collaboration with one or more external investigator(s) with an established and productive research program and a strong record of extramural funding is highly encouraged.

The ultimate aim of CRISP is to facilitate, foster and promote a culture of biomedical research at Ochsner, thereby strengthening research programs and the national reputation of research at our institution. This will allow Ochsner physicians with strong academic interests to present their work at peer-reviewed, regional and national society meetings and compete more effectively for extramural funding. By funding new or existing projects with the potential for extramural funding, including future NIH grants, CRISP will allow Ochsner physician-scientists to gain research independence.

Key Dates and Award Information

Release of RFA: 1 March 2017

Deadline for Letter of Intent: 22 March 2017, 11:59 PM

Invitation to Submit Full Application: 31 March 2017

Deadline for Submission of Full Application: 31 May 2017, 11:59 PM

Notification of Awards: 31 July 2017

Initial Award Period: 1 October 2017 – 31 September 2018

Award Amount: Selected projects will be funded for one year at a maximum amount of $25,000 per project. A given project is eligible for a total of three years of funding but requires competitive re-submission in subsequent cycles.
Research Areas of Interest

While research topics in any medical discipline or disease are eligible for this award, priority will be given to those applications focusing on the Institution’s self-identified Centers of Excellence listed below:

- Cardiovascular Disease
- Neuroscience
- Oncology
- Transplant and Digestive Diseases
- Reproductive Sciences
- Pediatrics

Applicants and Application Process

The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a member of the Ochsner physician staff in good standing. Although not strictly required, collaboration with one or more external investigator(s) with an established and productive research program and a strong record of extramural funding is highly encouraged.

Submission to this RFA is a two step process. In the initial phase, eligible applicants will submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) which will be evaluated qualitatively by several criteria including alignment with Institutional clinical priorities. LOIs deemed most responsive to this RFA will be invited to submit a full application.

The LOI template can be found by clicking HERE. Application forms and instructions will be available before the invitations to submit.

Application Review

LOIs and full applications will be reviewed by members of the CRISP Advisory Committee composed of established investigators with subject matter expertise. Proposals will be reviewed for innovation, quality, feasibility, likelihood of future extramural funding, and research foci (strength within the institution). INCOMPLETE AND LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED AND NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Post-Award Requirements

All awardees must submit a written report no later than 90 days after termination of the award period summarizing progress made towards the achievement of the originally stated aims, including significant results (positive or negative) and any publications resulting from the conduct of the research. Instructions and forms for the submission of this report will be provided. For awardees who submit a competitive application for continued funding of the project, the application will serve as a progress report. A final report is due after the final award period for the project.

Questions?

Please direct all questions regarding this initiative to Matt Estrade at mestrade@ochsner.org.