INTRAMURAL FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Pilot and Feasibility Research Grants from the CCHMC Cystic Fibrosis Research Development Program

Applications must be received by 5:00PM on Friday, June 20, 2014, and funding cycle begin as early as July 1, 2014.

Pilot and feasibility project funding is targeted for young or established investigators from diverse basic or clinical science disciplines who apply their expertise to the problems of CF. Funding is intended to provide support that enables investigators to obtain sufficient preliminary data to successfully compete for longer-term, more substantial funding from agencies such as NIH to investigate CF and CF-related scientific questions.

Two types of pilot and feasibility proposals will be accepted: Translational, and Basic Science

A total of three proposals will be funded in the upcoming cycle

Translational pilot and feasibility proposals are projects that seek to apply basic knowledge to a clinical problem, to acquire basic knowledge from clinical specimens, or to examine the feasibility of a therapeutic approach in an appropriate animal model or with appropriate clinical specimens. Translational Pilot and Feasibility projects will be funded up to $65,000/year for one year.

- Examples include studies inclusive of banked specimens, datasets, established and/or emerging animal or tissue models, human specimens and or measurements gathered during clinical care.
- Translational pilot and feasibility projects may not subject human volunteers to experimental medicines, devices, or techniques; obtain clinical specimens prospectively unless such specimens are collected as a part of routine patient care; or make use of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act-protected confidential patient information.

Basic Science pilot and feasibility proposals are projects that seek to understand basic mechanisms of CF disease pathogenesis or treatment, and are limited to studies in preclinical systems. Funding of individual Basic Science Pilot and Feasibility projects will be funded up to $65,000/year for one year.

Year 02 funding may become available pending successful competitive renewal of the CCHMC CF-RDP, and substantial progress by the applicant.

General examples of faculty candidates for pilot and feasibility support include:

- Studies proposed by young investigators interested in pursuing a career in CF research. Such investigators may not yet have obtained individual grant support.
- Studies proposed by established investigators who have experience in an area related to CF and wish to test their abilities to contribute new knowledge on CF. In some cases, this may represent applying techniques, approaches, or theories from other fields to the problems of CF.
- Studies proposed by established investigators who wish to develop and/or test a new approach that is not an extension of their ongoing research.

All awardees will be expected to participate in CCHMC CF-RDP activities, including attendance and presentation at on-campus CF research conferences, and regular updates to the CF-RDP Pilot and Feasibility program directors.

Application packets can be obtained from Kimberly Keller, and completed applications should be sent in PDF form to Kim Keller at (kimberly.keller@cchmc.org). For questions regarding suitable applicants, projects or the application process, please feel free to contact Ms. Keller (636-0325), JP Clancy (john.clancy@cchmc.org or AP Naren anaren@cchmc.org).

Components of 2014 CF RDP Pilot and Feasibility proposals:

- Signed face page
- Abstract
- NIH Biosketch and Other Support (not to exceed four pages)
- Budget and justification
- Facilities
- Research Plan – not to exceed five pages (excluding references)