FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Innovation Catalyst Grant Program

The March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center Ohio Collaborative is pleased to announce its 2017 funding cycle for its Innovation Catalyst Grant Program.

Background: The March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center Ohio Collaborative was established in 2013 to study the unknown causes of spontaneous preterm birth. Ohio Collaborative partners include Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Mount Carmel Health System, Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals and MetroHealth System of Cleveland. Investigators from Vanderbilt University, University of South Florida and University of Iowa also participate in the program. Ohio Collaborative research currently focuses on genetics, evolutionary and molecular biology, progesterone signaling and sociobiology of racial disparities in preterm birth. The Ohio Collaborative aims to foster further discovery across these and other related areas by encouraging new interactions of transdisciplinary researchers called Innovation Catalysts.

Eligibility: Open to faculty-level investigators from Ohio Collaborative sites and from other Ohio academic and medical institutions or by invitation from an Ohio Collaborative director or theme leader. Interactions with investigators from other March of Dimes Prematurity Research Centers are encouraged.

Budget: A project period of up to 2 years may be requested. The combined budget for a two-year project may not exceed $100,000 with a maximum of $50,000 requested in any single year. Faculty salaries (limited by NIH cap, up to 10% support) may be included. Only direct costs are eligible. Funding is contingent on continued grant support from the March of Dimes and partnering institutions.

Application deadline is October 16, 2017. Click here for application (also attached). Please submit completed application to Joanne.Chappell@cchmc.org as a single pdf document. Proposals will be evaluated for novelty & innovation, transdisciplinary approach and alignment with Ohio Collaborative research goals. Applicants should anticipate a response by December 1, 2017. Funding will begin January 1, 2018.

Questions may be directed to Joanne Chappell, Director of Operations, at Joanne.Chappell@cchmc.org or to Dr. Louis Muglia, Coordinating Principal Investigator, at Louis.Muglia@cchmc.org. For more information about Ohio Collaborative research initiatives, please visit http://www.marchofdimes.org/research/ohio-collaborative-research-themes.aspx.