



## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

John T. Milliken Department of Medicine  
Division of Nephrology

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2017 Translational Innovation Grant**

The Division of Nephrology is now accepting applications for the 2017 Translational Innovation Grant. The purpose of this funding program is to provide resources for collaborative research projects between basic and clinical investigators within the Division of Nephrology.

Successful proposals will feature a well crafted plan for a research project that represents a true collaboration between research and clinical faculty within the division. Applications that do not cohere, or appear to be two separate grants pasted together, will not be considered responsive.

Examples of projects that would be considered responsive to this proposal include disease-specific human sample biobanking, novel analysis of kidney biopsy specimens with clinical correlation, generation of pilot data to support future translational NIH grant applications, gene expression analysis in human tissue to name just a few. Clinical investigations are also welcomed. Investigators are encouraged to discuss potential applications with the Director if they have any questions regarding the suitability of their idea.

In this cycle, the division of nephrology will fund up to one grant. This grant will be funded at a maximum of \$50,000 total direct costs per year. Two payments of \$25,00 will be made with the second payment contingent on completion of a progress report at six months. A summary will be due at the end of the funding period as well. The Division reserves the right not to fund any project, based on the number and quality of applications received. Decisions regarding the appropriate level of funding for any proposed project will be made by the review committee and will take into account the availability of other funding sources.

Applicants understand that tools or reagents generated through this program are expected to be shared within the Division, within reason.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Division of Nephrology faculty at the rank of Instructor through Professor are eligible. A grant will be awarded to a faculty team consisting of one basic science principal investigator and one clinical faculty member. Basic science faculty members are defined as those listed under "Research" on the "Faculty" tab on the website. Physician-scientists that are listed under both Research and Clinical on the "Faculty" tab on the website will be considered basic scientists if they attend for 2 months or less on the inpatient services. Prior recipients of this grant are ineligible for the 2017 cycle.

#### **Application Process**

All applications must contain the following on a maximum of three pages (may be single spaced, NIH margin and font size limitations apply):



- 1. Project Title**
- 2. Faculty member names**
- 3. Research Proposal (3 page limit)**
  - Background and Rationale
  - Specific Aims
  - Research Plan and Milestones
  - Key risks and plans to mitigate
  - References (included in 3 page limit)
- 4. Budget (included in the page limit)**
  - Up to \$50,000 may be budgeted
  - Each PI must budget for effort of a minimum of 2.5% and a maximum of 7.5%
  - Travel to one conference is acceptable
  - Computer or equipment purchases may not be budgeted
- 5. NIH-formatted Biographical Sketch for each Applicant**
- 6. Optional: Letters of Support or Collaboration**
  - These are not required and do not count toward page limit.

### Submission Process

Please send your application via email to Virginia Kelly (virginia.kelly@wustl.edu) no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

### Review Criteria

A committee will score proposals and the Division Director will make a final decision.

### Review Outcome Notification

The grant award will be announced in December, 2017

### Inquiries

Programmatic questions regarding the Translational Innovation Grant Program should be directed to Dr. Benjamin Humphreys at (314) 362-8233 or humphreysbd@wustl.edu.

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