



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Division of Nephrology

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2016-17 Renal Staff Microgrants

The Division of Nephrology is now accepting applications for the 2016-17 Renal Staff Microgrant program. The purpose of this funding program is to provide resources for staff in our outpatient clinic, the inpatient unit, the Forest Park dialysis unit and the Chromalloy dialysis unit to undertake new projects that improve the care and experience of our patients.

Successful proposals will feature an idea based on clinical experience within these units. For Forest Park and Chromalloy units, ideas should focus broadly on improving the ESRD Quality Improvement Program outcomes. For more information, please see:

[https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-patient-Assessment-](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/)

[Instruments/ESRDQIP/](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-patient-Assessment-Instruments/ESRDQIP/) Many different types of proposals will be entertained. For CAM and IP ideas do not need to impact the QIP but can focus on improving care overall. If you have any questions about the suitability of your idea please contact Jodean Baldauf (jbaldauf@wustl.edu).

In this cycle, the division of nephrology will fund up to three grants, one at each site. This grant will be funded at a maximum of \$7,500 total direct costs per year. Two payments of \$3,750 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.

Eligibility Criteria

A grant will be awarded to a team consisting of a minimum of staff member (multiple are possible) and one senior staff member or faculty mentor in the Division of Nephrology.

Application Process

All applications must contain the following on a maximum of one page (may be single spaced, minimum font 11).

- 1. Project Title**
- 2. Team member names**
- 3. Research Proposal**
 - Background
 - Specific Aim
 - Plan
 - Key risks and plans to mitigate



- 4. Brief Budget (included in the page limit)**
Computer or equipment purchases are not acceptable without justification and approval from director
- 5. Biographical Sketch for each Applicants (not included in the page limit)**
- 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, January 3, 2017.**

Review Outcome Notification

The grant award will be announced on or around January 23, 2017.

Inquiries

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

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