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SEED GRANT PROGRAM – 2023

Proposal Timeline

- Proposals are due: Monday, March 27, 2023

Fund Information:

- It is expected 2 seed grants will be awarded in 2023 depending on the quality of the proposals and fit to the mission of the program.
- Proposals selected for funding will be announced by May 1, 2023. The award period begins on May 1, 2023 and ends on April 30, 2024, with a project mid-term report due November 30, 2023.
- The total amount requested in a given proposal cannot exceed \$30,000 in direct costs.
- All proposals must have a planned duration not to exceed 12 months.
- IRB and other relevant compliance approvals are required before funds will be released.

Eligibility:

- The Program aims to promote excellent collaborative and interdisciplinary research programs among faculty members in the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine and faculty at Rice University.
- The seed grants should lead to self-sustaining, nationally competitive research programs that will address critically important problems related to surgery.
- Proposals must have strong potential for sustainability beyond the duration of the seed grant via competitive funding sources. It is expected that recipients of these seed grants will submit an extramural grant application related to the seed grant.
- The principal investigators (co-PIs) must be faculty members (Assistant Professor or higher rank) in the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Surgery and at Rice University. At least one co-PI from BCM and one co-PI from Rice are required.
- Emphasis of the program is placed on developing new collaborations between BCM and Rice. The collaborations among investigators should be new, or investigators who have collaborated previously must be proposing to collaborate in a new area or direction of research.

Review criteria:

Review of proposals will be conducted by a review panel that will evaluate the proposals based on: scientific merit; strength of interdisciplinary collaboration; and probability of sustaining the collaboration through subsequent competitive, peer-reviewed funding.

How to apply:

Proposal applications should be single-spaced, with Arial 11 pt. font and 1" margins all the way around. The proposal should include:

- A face page containing the title of the proposal, name of PI or co-PIs, their affiliations, email addresses
- Technical abstract (250 word limit) that normally accompanies a NIH or NSF grant.
- "Lay person" abstract (250 word limit) that clearly describes with minimal use of scientific/technical jargon, the health problem being investigated, the methodological approaches that will be pursued, and the potential outcomes of the research.
- Specific aims (maximum one page)
- Research strategy (maximum three pages)
- Collaboration and interaction plan (maximum one page)
- Extramural funding (maximum one page).
- Abbreviated CVs (maximum five pages) or NIH/NSF Biosketches of PI(s) and co-PI(s).
- A line item budget, with total direct costs of up to \$30,000. Indirect costs (i.e., F&A) are not allowed. No administrative/clerical costs (i.e. admin/clerical salary support). No capital equipment. No more than 10% of the budget for to travel. Faculty salary is not permitted.

Note: References cited do not count against the above page limits.

Proposal application documents should be submitted as a single pdf file, with the PI name in the file name, and uploaded to the [Seed Grant Applications Folder](#).

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