ELIGIBILITY

Research must be related to the specific mission of the Additional Ventures Innovation Fund which is to spark cutting-edge research ideas, to engage new members into the single ventricle and Fontan community, and to accelerate progress toward 1) understanding the underlying etiology of single ventricle heart defects and 2) developing functional cures for SVDs or for those with Fontan circulation. This program will support a wide range of scientific approaches from basic, clinical, translation, engineering information and other biomedical sciences. Another Additional Ventures Innovation Fund Single Ventricle award is NOT currently funding eligible applicants (neither the PI nor Co-PIs).

APPLICATION

Cover Page (using format provided)

Research Proposal:
- A multi-PI approach is strongly encouraged for this initiative where at least two of these lead investigators are from different disciplines and schools. However, a multi-PI approach is not mandatory and single PI applications are also considered.
- Concise description of the project aims, hypothesis, background, preliminary studies (if available), overall design, methods, and potential pitfalls, research timeline, multi-year budget and IRB approval letter. For human – based studies, there should also be a brief description of sample size and plan for statistical analyses of the results.
- The proposal should be a maximum six pages text, not including references, and no more than five additional pages of attachments or appendices.
- Budget should be on a separate page.

Research Team:
For all members of the proposal submit:
- NIH Biosketch and “Other Support Page”

IRB Approval (Approved Before Award Start):
IRB approval of the proposed research is required (if necessary) prior to application submission. IRB approval letter must be attached with application. For more information, please see: http://humansubjects.stanford.edu/ Biostatistical Consultation

A biostatistical consult is required for all human-based studies and those with power calculations.

As part of a partnership with the Stanford Quantitative Sciences Unit (QSU), MCHRI grant applicants may request services as needed to support the success of their research project (most services at no charge to the investigator). Their expertise is available for consultation, the development of grant proposals, and implementation of funded projects. Click here to submit a request directly to the QSU. Request QSU consults no later than 4 weeks prior to submission deadline.

AWARD

Up to $300,000 to be used over a 12 to 24-month time period. Unexpended funds will be returned to the MCHRI after the performance period (see No-Cost Extensions below).

Award may be used for:
- Research personnel
- PI salary
- Computer software (must be justified), supplies or other materials/services relevant to the project
- Travel, symposia, or seminars which are an integral part of the proposal

**Award may NOT be used for:**
- Computer equipment
- Membership dues, journal subscriptions, books
- Office supplies, software, or accessories for office or administrative use
- Any other indirect research costs

**NO-COST EXTENSIONS**

Requests must be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the end date on the award letter. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. Not all requests are approved. Only one extension is granted per project.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Proposals are reviewed by the Stanford Additional Ventures Innovation Fund Single Ventricle Research Review Committee.

**AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The PI will take responsibility for the research idea, development methods, supervision and conduct of the study in addition to the following:

- Member of MCHRI, keep Stanford Medicine Profile (formerly-CAP) updated, and utilize “Permit PubMed Import” feature.
- Submit reports in a timely manner, including an annual Progress and Financial Report, and a Final Progress and Financial Report within 30 days of the award end date.
- Provide updates in all Progress Reports on funding status from external and/or internal sources.
- Submit progress reports for up to 3 years following the award end date that will include information about grants submitted, publications, employment, and new research funding resulting from this award.
- Present the results of their research when asked.
- Acknowledge the research support of the Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute in all publications, abstracts, presentations, press releases, and inventions resulting from this award as follows:

> “The project described in this publication was supported by the Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute and the Additional Ventures Innovation Fund Single Ventricle Research Awards Program.”

MCHRI award recipients who have not acknowledged MCHRI are not eligible for future awards sponsored by the MCHRI.

**TERM OF AWARD**

All awardees are limited to a single award of up to 12-24 months. Should there be a change in the awardee’s role that significantly alters their ability to carry out their responsibilities, the award will be forfeited prior to the completion of the term. However, if there have been unusual occurrences then the awardee may request a deferral or leave of absence from the award; this request will be adjudicated by the Director of the MCHRI. If a deferral is approved, the end date of this award will be adjusted accordingly by MCHRI administration.

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