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To: All - Faculty

Subject: NEW Funding Opportunity – Seed Grants for Parkinson Disease Research

Dear Colleagues,

We are requesting proposals for collaborative research projects focused on Parkinson disease. This opportunity, generously supported by philanthropists Steven and Laurie Gordon, will provide up to three (3) awards of \$150,000 each, funded over two years.

Overview

The goal of this effort is to support research that will significantly enhance our understanding and treatment of Parkinson disease—from better understanding the symptoms, epidemiology, pathophysiology, and molecular and genetic pathways to the development of novel therapies and possible cures. Preference will be given to projects representing new collaborations, that engage early or new investigators, and that have the potential to develop into an exciting and impactful long-term program. While preliminary data is welcomed, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, preliminary data and evidence of ability to collaborate is welcomed but not required. Review will emphasize significance, novelty, feasibility, and potential for future funding.

Deadline

Friday, June 1, 2020

Proposal

In a single file (PDF), please provide the following information:

1. **Title Page** - including the project title, investigator names and affiliated departments, and contact information of the Principal Investigator(s).
2. **Lay summary** - Summary of the project and problem being solved (250 word max)
3. **Technical Abstract** - (400 words max)
4. **Research proposal** (Up to 4 pages in length including figures but not references), including:
 - a. Aims
 - b. Research Proposal and Timeline
 - c. Innovations
 - d. Team Strategy, highlighting the value of new collaborations and investigators
 - e. Future directions and funding
 1. What are the future directions or applications for this research?
 2. What are your strategies for funding the next phase of this project?
5. **Biosketches for Principal Investigator(s)**
6. **Budget proposal** - funds will be used for the development of collaborative projects, and can cover supplies and/or partial salary support for trainees, students, or postdocs.

Submission

All proposals must be combined into a single PDF document, and submitted via e-mail to Dion Baybridge at UCLA (DBaybridge@mednet.ucla.edu) by midnight on June 1, 2020. Late submissions will not be considered.

Projects will be reviewed by an internal, impartial committee of UCLA neuroscientists. Awards will be announced on July 1, 2020.