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To: Biol Chem Everyone
Subject: BC Trainee Innovation Award - Call for applications

Hi Everyone,

To foster collaboration among BC labs, the Department aims to fund 3-4 groups of trainees who will receive up to \$5000 for innovative experiments that are also collaborative. The funds will be awarded directly to the selected groups (not their mentors) and should be used to cover the cost of supplies and/or core facility recharges.

Requirements:

- Teams should consist of 2-3 trainees (any combination of students, postdocs, and project scientists) from two labs or more with at least one individual from a lab with a primary appointment in BC. Current rotation students who have committed to a BC lab are also eligible.
- Proposals should be designed to advance the interests of each participating lab, but the experiment(s) cannot be a simple extension of a current project. *We encourage creative ideas with the potential to reveal new research fronts in each lab*. Examples include novel applications of existing technologies and use of new model organisms.
- To the extent possible, experiments should be designed to allow conclusions to be drawn from both positive and negative results.
- Selected groups will present their results at one of our Monday noon seminars.
- Each trainee's mentor must approve their participation.

Submit a description of your proposed experiment by **5 pm Friday March 12, 2021** to Kristen Lorico, with the following sections:

- i. Participants name and title
- ii. Proposed experiment – include the scientific rationale and sufficient experimental details for assessment of feasibility (3/4 page).
- iii. Innovation – briefly explain how the proposed experiment adds a new dimension to the participating labs (3-4 sentences).
- iv. Budget – briefly justify the requested budget (1-2 sentences).
- v. References

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Best,
Siavash

p.s. Please pass this email on to new trainees that may not be on the email list. T