

Her International Pediatric Research Foundation

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Request for Proposals

International Collaborative Award for Research (ICAR)

Collaborative interdisciplinary research has allowed for an expanded viewpoint in biomedical research. With increased globalization, colleagues across the continents can interact to address a research problem thereby improving the research quality and adding diverse perspectives. The International Pediatric Research Foundation (IPRF) will therefore solicit applications for an International Collaborative Research Program to foster research efforts between two or more institutions from different continents that allow for synergy and complementarity of the research effort. **The deadline for applications April 1st, 2012**

Acceptable research projects could be:

Multi-center patient-oriented collaborations

To plan a larger study

To begin a pilot study

Basic science research involving exchange of

Reagents

Personnel/ expertise

Samples/tissues

Application Process

- The application must list a principal investigator from each country that will be involved in the preparation of the application.
- The proposal should be no more than 4 pages in length but should contain enough information to understand the rationale of the study and the approach.
 - background
 - rationale
 - proposed approach (Methods, experimental approach)
 - anticipated results
 - benefits of the international collaboration

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be selected based on:

- The scientific and technological merit of the research.
- Evidence of joint planning of the research and joint research activities with interdependent projects for a single program is important.
- The manner of which the joint research effort manifests itself. For example, complementarity of research, exchange of materials, and use of facilities or exchange of scientists would be most desired.
- Anticipated benefits such as education and training of young scientists.
- Exchange of personnel is encouraged when feasible.
- Evidence of prior collaboration is helpful but not mandatory.
- Preference will be given to projects involving a developing nation partnering with a developed nation.

Evaluation Process

- The proposals will be evaluated by peer review.
- A Chair for the review committee will be appointed by the IPRF
- The Chair will select a committee of at least 4 members and ensure geographic diversity of the committee
- Final recommendations will be made by the committee and approved by IPRF Board of Trustees.

Successful participants will receive a meeting room at the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) or the ESPR Annual Meeting at no cost to the investigators so as to discuss the project and work out the details of the study in person.

Two \$25,000 awards will be given. As the program grows and other sponsorship is available, this sum could be increased.

Allowable costs are restricted to transportation and lodging of participants who are not members of the journals sponsoring organizations (APS, ESPR or SPR), telecommunication needed for the project (quarterly conference calls), additional travel to the research site as needed for the PIs as well as supplies for the research project.

A progress report and financial statement will be due one year from the date of the contribution of the funds.

The participants will also be asked to present the outcome of their collaborative research efforts within two years of the submission of the funds at the PAS or ESPR Annual Meeting.

Awardees will be allowed to apply for a second year of funding based on the success of their project.

Applications are due April 1st, 2012

Notification of awards will occur at the 2012 PAS Annual Meeting.

Send completed applications as a PDF to

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Please refer to the ICAR Award in your correspondence

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