LIMITED SUBMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
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Sponsor: W.M. Keck Foundation
Program: Research Program - Medical Research
Internal Review Deadline: Tuesday, December 2, 2014 8:00 AM Pacific Time
Sponsor Deadline: May 1, 2015
Nominations allowed: UCSD has been invited to pre-screen 4 concept papers.
Award Amount: $1M to 2M
Duration: 1-3 years

Award Description: The Medical Research Program seeks to advance the frontiers of the life sciences by supporting basic research that is high-risk and has the potential to transform its field. Successful projects are distinctive and novel in their approach to problems, push the edge of their field or question the prevailing paradigm. Funding is awarded to projects in biomedical research that: Focus on important and emerging areas of research; Have the potential to develop breakthrough technologies, instrumentation or methodologies; Are innovative, distinctive and interdisciplinary; Demonstrate a high level of risk due to unconventional approaches, or by challenging the prevailing paradigm; Have the potential for transformative impact, such as the founding of a new field of research, the enabling of observations not previously possible, or the altered perception of a previously intractable problem; Fall outside the mission of public funding agencies; and demonstrate that private philanthropy generally, and the W. M. Keck Foundation in particular, is essential to the project’s success.

The Medical Research Program does not support clinical or translational research, treatment trials or research for the sole purpose of drug development.

Eligibility/Requirements: Project leaders must be PI-eligible faculty members or researchers.

Question & Answer Session: A Q&A session for prospective applicants will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the Leichtag Biomedical Research Building, Room #107 (Lecture Room on the 1st floor). RSVP to Keith York (kayork@ucsd.edu) by Friday, October 17, 2014 by 5:00 pm.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Prospective applicants are highly encouraged to communicate with Keith York kayork@ucsd.edu prior to preparing internal applications for this limited submission program.

Prospective applicants are also highly encouraged to review these two informational files:
  W.M. Keck Foundation Programs - Guidance for UCSD Applicants
  W.M. Keck Foundation - UCSD Info Session Slides

Both files are available for download from this UCSD-only web page:
http://limitedsubmission.ucsd.edu/guidance

UCSD has been invited to pre-screen up to 4 concept papers with W.M. Keck Foundation program officers. Those interested in applying should submit the following materials as a single PDF file (12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins) to Keith York at kayork@ucsd.edu by 8:00 am on the campus deadline December 2, 2014.

(1) One-page concept paper. Please provide a project title and include the following:
  (a) Abstract/Overview of the research proposed, emphasizing any unique aspects
  (b) Pilot studies or data, if any — including unpublished findings — that support the idea
  (c) Key personnel and Methodologies
(d) **Justification of the need for W.M. Keck Foundation support.** Explain why W.M. Keck Foundation support is essential for the proposed work. Briefly justify an assertion that the work falls outside the mission of public funding agencies. A frequent cause of rejection of concept papers by the W.M. Keck Foundation during pre-screening is that the case for support from private philanthropy is weak.

(e) **Estimated budget broken down,** if possible, by major areas, e.g., personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, etc. Budgets can be rough approximations at this stage. Total requests should be between $1M and $2M.

Other details (e.g., background to put the research into perspective, description of the institution's prominence in the field, etc.) may be added, if there's room.

(2) **Two-page CV for lead PI only.**

(3) **Reviews (if applicable).** If the work proposed to the W.M. Keck Foundation has previously been proposed in whole or in part to another potential sponsor that declined to fund the work and provided written review, please submit a copy of the complete review(s) with your campus application.

In the event more than 4 concept papers are received by the campus deadline, an internal review committee will review all concept papers and recommend to the Associate Vice Chancellor of Scientific Affairs the 4 most competitive applications. These applications will be discussed with W.M. Keck Foundation program officers. Only one application from UCSD will go forward as a Phase 1 submission to the sponsor.

**CONTACTS**

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