

Stuart K. Patrick Grant for Transplant Innovation at the University of Pittsburgh

Purpose

The Stuart K. Patrick Grant for Transplant Innovation at the University of Pittsburgh provides funding to researchers at the University of Pittsburgh who have innovative new research ideas in the field of transplantation. The goal of the grant is to provide short-term (1-year) support for the development of a highly innovative, potentially transformational line of research that can be further supported through traditional funding mechanisms. The grant will be for \$100,000 for one year and is not renewable.

A. Requirements and Restrictions

1. Eligibility

At the time of activation of this award, the applicant must hold a University of Pittsburgh Faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor or higher. Faculty with a Research prefix are included. Adjunct faculty are not included. If the awardee leaves the University of Pittsburgh during the award year, any remaining funds are understood to be forfeited.

2. Previous or Current Funding Allowed

The research proposed must be novel (i.e. not currently or previously funded at the R21, R01 or equivalent level). There is no limit to the total amount of grant funding that the applicant may hold at the time of submission; however, significant overlap with the research proposed in this application is not permitted.

3. Number of Applications and Grants Awarded

The Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute will fund one grant per funding cycle.

B. Application and Document Formatting

1. Contact Information and Project Title
2. Applicant's NIH-style biosketch
3. Applicant's NIH-style other support page (including overlap)
4. Summary of Research Project
 - a. Scientific Abstract (no more than 200 words)
 - b. Lay Abstract (no more than 150 words)
5. 3-page Research Proposal containing the following:
 - a. Specific Aims
 - b. Background/Preliminary Work
 - c. Proposed Research Strategy
 - d. References (not included in 3-page limit)
6. Preliminary Budget

C. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

All applications will be evaluated by a peer-review body at the University of Pittsburgh. Applications will not be considered unless they contain all of the information requested in item B. The novelty of the project proposed and its relationship to the research missions of the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute will weigh heavily into the funding decision. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in **early April, 2018**. The Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute will not provide written critiques of applications.

D. TERM AND AMOUNT OF AWARDS:

1. The award will provide \$100,000 for one year beginning July 1 and may be used toward salaries and supplies related to the applicant's proposal. The grant budget should include 5 to 10% salary support plus fringe for the applicant.
2. The award will commence on July 1, 2018.
3. The award will not be renewed for a second year of support.

E. HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION:

Candidates should save their application forms as PDF files, if possible. Otherwise, save as a MS Word document; all files will be converted to PDF upon receipt. Submit all applications electronically to stiresearch@pitt.edu.

All inquiries should be made to stiresearch@pitt.edu.