FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
GENE THERAPY PROGRAM

PILOT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH ON
GENE THERAPY AND PATHOGENESIS OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS

http://www.med.upenn.edu/gtp/PilotApplicationGuidelines

Pilot funding is available for investigators doing research on pathogenesis and gene therapy of cystic fibrosis (CF). The scope of this RDP is broadly defined, including applications that address a wide range of topics from CF disease pathogenesis to vector biology.

Two types of applications are being accepted:

1) Basic Science Pilot and Feasibility Studies
Basic science pilot and feasibility studies may receive funding for up to $40,000 per year for up to two years. Areas of interest include but are not limited to gene therapy, cell physiology, ion transport and inflammation.

2) Translational Pilot and Feasibility Studies
Translational pilot and feasibility projects are projects that seek to: apply basic knowledge to a clinical problem, acquire basic knowledge from clinical specimens, or examine the feasibility of a therapeutic approach in an appropriate animal model or with appropriate clinical specimens. Translational pilot and feasibility projects may receive funding for up to $80,000 per year for up to two years. Translational pilot and feasibility projects may not subject human volunteers to experimental medicines, devices or techniques; obtain clinical specimens prospectively unless such specimens are collected as a part of routine patient care; or make use of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act-protected confidential patient information.

All proposals must present a testable hypothesis, a detailed description of the methods and procedures including data analysis, and discuss the relevance of the work to the clinical manifestations of CF. In the spirit of pilot funding, support is intended for junior investigators who are establishing their independent research careers or senior investigators seeking to perform research in an area that they have not previously pursued.

To apply:
Please submit a letter of intent (LOI) as one complete PDF via email to moniquek@mail.med.upenn.edu by Monday, March 22, 2010.
The LOI guidelines can be found at http://www.med.upenn.edu/gtp/PilotApplicationGuidelines
All LOIs will be reviewed and a decision will be sent to applicants by April 5th. Successful applicants will be required to submit a full application for the external review process. Full applications will be limited to 10 pages (sans references).

LOI deadline is Monday, March 22, 2010
Full Application deadline is Monday, May 3, 2010 via email to moniquek@mail.med.upenn.edu

Funding of these pilot awards is contingent upon CFF funding of our RDP, which if awarded, the selected pilot proposals will begin funding on July 1, 2011.
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