

# ***FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES***

## **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA GENE THERAPY PROGRAM**

### **PILOT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH ON MOLECULAR THERAPY OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND OTHER GENETIC DISEASES**

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

One award for \$50K/year will be granted based on scientific merit. This pilot is granted for one (1) year and is eligible for a one (1) year renewal based on competitive review. Funding period is April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013.

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 proposal of no more than five (5) pages (to include all figures and references), along with your NIH biosketch, other support, and letters of collaboration, if appropriate. Principal Investigators need to devote at least 5% effort to the project and equipment is not an allowable expense. Photomicrographs and manuscripts may be submitted in a separate appendix.

**Letter of intent deadline is Friday, February 3, 2012**  
**via email to [moniquek@mail.med.upenn.edu](mailto:moniquek@mail.med.upenn.edu)**  
**Application deadline is Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

All application materials will need to be submitted electronically. Specific instructions are available on our website: <http://www.med.upenn.edu/gtp/education.shtml>.

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