UCSF May Submit 2 Applications, 1 per Program

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS

**ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A KECK FOUNDATION INFORMATION SESSION**
April 13, 2:00-3:00, Mission Hall 1400
Hear directly from UCSF Keck Foundation grantees about their experience!
Learn about the Keck Foundation application process!

WHAT:
- The W.M. Keck Foundation Medical Research Program
- The W.M. Keck Foundation Science & Engineering Program
- (http://www.wmkeck.org/grant-programs/research)

Please note: You are not required to identify the program to which you seek to apply; qualification criteria are similar and the review committee, along with Foundation input, will determine the Program for which your application is most appropriate.

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PURPOSE:
- To advance the frontiers of medicine, science, and engineering to benefit humanity by supporting pioneering high-risk/high-impact research projects

ELIGIBILITY:
- Senior or early career investigators performing basic (not clinical) research
- Projects must be distinctive, novel, pushing the edge of the field or questioning the prevailing paradigm
- Support is for pioneering biological, science, and engineering research and the development of breakthrough technologies, methodologies, and/or instrumentation
- Projects should fall outside the mission of public funding agencies, demonstrating that private philanthropy, generally, and the W.M. Keck Foundation, in particular, is essential to the project's success
- Medical research projects conducted in hospitals are not eligible

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD REQUIREMENTS:
- Budget: $1m-5m; most grants will be made at $1m-$2m
  - PIs are strongly advised to keep budget in the range typical of most funded grants ($1m-$2m) for competitiveness; a compelling case must be made for exceptional funding
  - Not allowed: indirect costs, tuition, PI support exceeding 10% annual salary or renovation costs exceeding 10% of total request
- Project period: 2-5 years, typically 3-4 years

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 1 per Program
QUESTIONS:
• Regarding the W.M. Keck Foundation: Suzy Beemer, Senior Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, 415.514.2612 or SBeemer@support.ucsf.edu
• Regarding the internal review process: Sarah Nelson, RDO Program Coordinator, 415.502.1662 or Sarah.Nelson2@ucsf.edu

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DUE DATES:
• May 13, 2015 (10am): Internal deadline
  o Please note PIs may submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated
• June 18, 2015: PI notified of internal first-round selection, potential candidacy
• June 25, 2015: Deadline for revised pre-proposal for first round nominees
• August 2015: PI notified of selection to submit full Phase 1 application
• September 2015: Check with your department’s RMS team for date by which they need application before foundation submission
• October 1, 2015: Drafts due to Suzy Beemer
• November 3, 2015: Keck Foundation Phase I application deadline
• February 16, 2016: Keck Foundation Phase II proposal due, if invited
• March or April 2016: Proposal presentation to Keck officers (if Phase II invited)
• June 2016: Awards announced

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by 10am, May 13, 2015, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu
1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications) (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424R-R_biosketchsample_VerC.docx)
3. 1-page maximum concept paper* providing the following:
   • Overview of the research proposed emphasizing any unique aspects and pilot studies
   • Brief description of the key personnel and methodologies
   • Brief justification of the need for Keck support
   • Estimated budget broken down, if possible, by major areas, e.g., personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, etc. (Budgets can be rough approximations at this stage.)
   • Other germane details (e.g., background to put the research into perspective, description of the institution’s prominence in the field, etc.), space allowing

*Concept paper requirements:
• 12-pt font and 1-inch margins, only
• Avoid illustrations; use all available space for text
• If a reference is necessary, abbreviate it as, e.g.: (Science, 323, 45, ‘11)

Sent by Sarah E. Nelson, Program Coordinator, on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submission Program (LSP)