UCSF May Submit 2 Applications

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WHAT: Allen Distinguished Investigator (ADI) Program—Life Science Focus 2015 (http://www.pgafamilyfoundation.org/)

PURPOSE:
• This call is limited to interdisciplinary teams that include researchers in the field of Alzheimer’s Disease paired with researchers in other fields (e.g. lipid biology, immunology, cerebro/vascular biology, bioenergetics, biostatistics, biomedical engineers, etc.).
  o Only one member of the team needs to be from UCSF
• To create a cohort of investigators to pursue new, pioneering research in academic settings that, collectively, ‘move the needle’ towards answering broad scientific questions.
• The most promising proposals will incorporate creative, ambitious, interdisciplinary and forward-thinking approaches.
• The program is especially interested in proposals that are unlikely to receive funding from traditional governmental sources.
• Research proposal topic:
  o Insights into the basic biological foundations of Alzheimer’s Disease, with an emphasis on cellular biology.
• Lines of Inquiry include (but are not limited to):
  o The interplay/relationship between contributors to Alzheimer’s pathology. This may include some combination of protein pathologies, mitochondrial dysfunction, lipid biology, immune system, trafficking, vascular biology, etc.
  o Consequences of transmission and spread of Alzheimer’s Disease pathology
  o Investigation into the APOE-Amyloid-Tau interaction and roles in disease progression
  o Upstream contributors that lead to downstream proteinopathies, oxidative stress, etc.
  o Investigation into why some cell types more vulnerable/resistant than others; bolstering the protective ability of neurons
  o Development of new cellular biology methods or techniques that will change or enhance capabilities in Alzheimer’s Disease research

ELIGIBILITY:
• Scientists at any stage of their career
• The Foundation has a particular interest in supporting and promoting the careers of exceptional young scientists showing particular promise as though leaders in their fields and supporting more established researchers with ambitious, high-risk ideas that could have a revolutionary impact in the field but remain outside the scope of traditional funding sources
• Proposals by interdisciplinary teams are encouraged with the goal of having any given cohort to include one or more such teams. Only one member of the team need be from the invited institution.

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:
• Award Budget: $1M - $1.5M total
  o 0% indirect cost policy
UCSF indirect cost policy will apply except for non-federal entities.

- Project Period: 3 years

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT:** 2

**DUE DATES:**

- **INTERNAL:** 3pm, Tuesday, October 28, 2014
- Please note PIs may submit LOIs directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated
- **Sponsor:** Friday, January 30, 2015

Submit the attached Letter of Intent (LOI) by **3pm, October 28, 2014,**
to: [limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu)

*Sent by Alexandra Loucks, PhD, on behalf of the Research Development Office (RDO), Limited Submission Program (LSP)*

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