UCSF May Submit 2 Applications

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL APPROPRIATE FACULTY AND RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS


REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS NUMBER: RFA-RM-15-006

PURPOSE:
- To support exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period and accelerating their entry into an independent research career.

ELIGIBILITY:
- At the time of funding to the grantee Institution, either:
  1. The Early Independence investigator must have received a PhD, MD, DO, DC, DDS, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, Dr PH, DNSc, ND (Doctor of Naturopathy), PharmD, DSW, PsyD, or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution (it is the responsibility of the sponsoring institution to determine if a foreign doctoral degree is equivalent), OR
  2. An authorized official of the degree-granting institution must certify that all degree requirements have been met and that the date of graduation as appearing on the transcript will be within one year of the date of application submission.
- At the time of application, the individual either:
  1. Within the preceding twelve months must have received a terminal doctoral degree or completed medical residency OR
  2. Within the following twelve months must complete all the requirements for a doctoral degree or complete a medical residency.
- The fellowship training period is NOT included in the clinical residency or equivalent training period.
- The date of degree receipt is that which appears on the official transcript for the degree.
- The time of application is the date when the application is submitted electronically to NIH through Grants.gov.
- At the time of application, the PD(s)/PI(s) must not have served as a post-doctoral fellow following a previous doctoral degree for more than one year.
- The individual must also not be the PD/PI of an NIH R01 or equivalent grant at the time of award.
- Please be aware that applicants must have a commitment for an independent position at UCSF to be considered.

BUDGET AND PROJECT PERIOD:
- Budget: Up to $250,000 in direct costs per year, plus applicable Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs
- Project period: 5 years
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS UCSF MAY SUBMIT: 2

PLEASE NOTE THE INTERNAL DEADLINE IS NOW 10AM.

DUE DATES:

- **INTERNAL**: 10am, Wednesday, November 25, 2015
- Please note PIs may submit directly to the LSP; RMS does not get involved unless and until you are nominated
- Agency Letter of Intent (not required): Tuesday, December 29, 2015
- Sponsor: Friday, January 29, 2016

Submit the following in ONE PDF file by **10am, November 25, 2015**, to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu

1. Limited Submission Pre-proposal Cover Sheet with signatures (form attached to email)
2. Project Summary (2-pg. max., including references) addressing the following:
   a. Evidence of exceptional scientific creativity and productivity
   b. A research plan in a scientific area relevant to the NIH mission for which the investigator has demonstrated expertise
3. NIH Bio-sketch (5-pg. max., including publications) ([link](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424R-R_biosketchsample_VerC.docx))
4. Separately email three letters of recommendation **directly from** current and previous scientific mentors to: limitedsubmissions@ucsf.edu (subject line should read, “Early Ind. Award Rec. for_______”). Recommendations should offer a detailed assessment of:
   a. The prospects for a successful early transition to research independence;
   b. Achievements as a graduate student/trainee; and
   c. The potential for future scientific contributions.

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