**Funding Opportunity!**

NIH—Administrative Supplements to Existing NIH Grants and Cooperative Agreements (PA-12-100)

**Purpose:** Funds are available for administrative supplements to meet increased costs that are within the scope of the approved award, but that were unforeseen when the new or renewal application or grant progress report for non-competing continuation support was submitted. Applications for administrative supplements are considered prior approval requests and will be routed directly to the Grants Management Officer of the parent award.

**Eligibility:** All organizations administering an eligible award may apply for a supplement under this announcement. Individual(s) must hold an active grant or cooperative agreement, and the research proposed in the supplement must be accomplished within the competitive segment of the active award.

**Deadlines:** Due dates may vary by awarding Institute/Center (IC). See the awarding IC’s web site for any applicable application due dates.

**Support:** Budgets are generally limited to no more than the amount of the most recent parent award, and must reflect actual needs of the proposed projects.

**Forms:** The process for submitting an application varies depending on whether the activity code of the parent award requires electronic submission. Visit the list of Activity Codes to determine if the activity code of the parent award has transitioned to electronic submission, [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/files/electronic_activity_code_table.pdf](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/files/electronic_activity_code_table.pdf)

To view funding opportunity, [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-100.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-100.html)

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**Notices from NIH . . .**

**Notice of Salary Limitation on Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts**

*NOT-OD-12-035*

Every year since 1990, Congress has legislatively mandated a provision limiting the direct salary that an individual may receive under an NIH grant. For the purposes of the salary limitation, the terms “direct salary,” “salary,” and “institutional base salary” have the same meaning and are exclusive of fringe benefits and facilities and administrative (F&A) expenses, also referred to as indirect costs.

An individual’s institutional base salary is the annual compensation that the applicant organization pays for an individual’s appointment, whether that individual’s time is spent on research, teaching, patient care, or other activities.

For FY 2012, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 signed into law on December 23, 2011, restricts the amount of direct salary to $179,700. (Executive Level II of the Federal Executive Pay scale)

Notices from NIH ...

NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards—FY 2012

NOT-OD-12-036

This Notice provides guidance about the NIH Fiscal Operations Plan for FY 2012 and implements the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012, signed by President Obama on December 23, 2011.

The following NIH fiscal policies are instituted in FY 2012:

FY2012 Funding Levels: Non-competing awards will be issued without cost of living/inflationary adjustments in FY2012; however, adjustments for special needs (such as equipment and added personnel) will continue to be accommodated. This policy applies to all grants (research and non-research) when applicable.

Inflationary Increases for Future Years: Inflationary increases for future year commitments will be discontinued for all competing and non-competing research grant awards issued in FY 2012, however adjustments for special needs (such as equipment and added personnel) will continue to be accommodated.

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA): The NIH will implement a two percent increase at all stipend levels. Further information about NRSA stipend in FY 2012 will be published in the NIH Guide in the near future.

New Investigators: NIH will continue to support new investigators on R01 equivalent awards at success rates equivalent to that of established investigators submitting new (Type 1) R01 equivalent applications.


Mandatory use of Cayuse424

Cayuse424 for Grants.gov Submissions

On December 12, 2011 the Office of Sponsored Projects launched Cayuse424 to facilitate grant applications through Grants.gov. Cayuse simplifies the creation, review, and submission of these applications. Users find the new system easy to use and effective at ensuring timely submission. Accordingly, on April 15, 2012, use of Cayuse424 will become mandatory for ALL Grants.gov applications, other than for the National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF applications may be created and managed either through the Fastlane system or through Grants.gov, in which case Cayuse should be used.

Some important reminders for PIs and their staff concerning Cayuse424:

(Failure to follow these steps can prevent an application from being submitted)

- All PI’s must update their own Professional Profiles in the Cayuse424 system. This only has to be done once unless changes occur.
- All PI’s must issue “Write Permissions” to administrative personnel that they want to update and/or maintain their Professional Profile
- PI’s should also choose an Approval Delegate if they will need, or want, anyone else to approve proposals on their behalf for submission to OSP.

Please see the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) website for further information about Cayuse, system training, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Contact Todd Bjorklund of the OSP at 801-585-6946 for questions.
Pediatric Grant Writing Workshop

April 13-15, 2012 in Deer Valley

This spring workshop is an opportunity for junior investigators to discuss their proposed grant projects with successful senior investigators and to have time to write, edit, and rewrite. The workshop will focus on helping investigators write a competitive NIH format grant. Experienced investigators will offer grant writing presentations and serve as reviewers for proposal drafts. A statistician will also be available for consultation.

Expectations for Participants:

Participants who attend the workshop are expected to bring a draft proposal with them, one that they plan to submit to an external funding agency. The funding source can be the PCMC Foundation (PCMCF) Early Career Grant program, a federal agency such as NIH, or another funding source. Participants are expected to attend the entire workshop from 9:30 am on Friday until Noon on Sunday.

Participants are selected based on the following priorities: (Limit of 12 Participants)

1. Investigators applying for the PCMCF Pediatrics Early Career Development Grant
2. Pediatric Investigators recommended by their Division Chiefs
3. Pediatric Investigators
4. Non-pediatric Investigators

If you are interested in attending, please contact, kim.clark@hsc.utah.edu, in the PREP Office.

Participate in a Seminar!!!

Research-in-Progress (RIP)

Research in Progress (RIP) sponsored by the Department of Pediatrics is a weekly, interdisciplinary presentation of ongoing basic, clinical, and translational research. Participants include faculty, fellows, residents, and staff.

Research in Progress is held each Monday at Noon at Primary Children’s Medical Center (PCMC) in the 3rd floor classrooms A&B. Seminars run from September through May.

If you would like to present at RIP, contact Daniel Freed at 801-213-4116 or, daniel.freed@hsc.utah.edu to have your name put onto the presentation schedule.

American Heart Association New Requirement

Grant Application Fees

As of 2012 winter deadlines, there is a new requirement of AHA research applicants. Each applicant is required to either be an American Heart Association Professional Member or to pay $100 per application submission. The Association will be using the fees to help defray the administrative cost of processing applications, making more funds available for research awards.

Applicants who opt to pay the $100 application fee, instead of joining, will be required to enter credit card information prior to submitting their application to the grants officer (GO). Until an applicant joins/renews AHA Professional Membership or enters credit card information to pay the fee, s/he will not be able to submit the application to the GO.

Questions about the new membership/application fee requirement may be directed to apply@heart.org
Kudos—Congratulations!

An Anonymous Donor Gifts Merit Trip

The Division of Neonatology was contacted by an individual offering to donate a merit trip to Mexico to one of their laboratory staff members to reward them for their exemplary work in research.

With the Donor’s approval, a formal nomination and award process was established within the Division of Neonatology. Neonatology faculty members were encouraged to nominate and then vote for one individual who met all of the award criteria. Faculty members were not able to nominate or vote for their own lab personnel. The laboratory staff member with the most votes would be the recipient of the gift.

In December of 2011, it was announced that Mar Janna (MJ) Dahl, BA, MS, was the recipient of the Mexico merit trip. Ms. Dahl is a Sr. Lab Technician and has worked full-time in Dr. Kurt Albertine’s lab for over 11 years.

Congratulations MJ! And, a big “thank you” to our generous Donor for recognizing the outstanding research being conducted in Neonatology by amazing individuals.