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Indianapolis entrepreneur gives \$30 million for IU School of Medicine immunotherapy center

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INDIANAPOLIS -- One of the largest gifts ever to the Indiana University School of Medicine will enable researchers to harness the power of the immune system to cure cancer and other devastating diseases -- propelling Indiana's standing as an engine for biomedical discovery and innovation.

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Indianapolis entrepreneur Donald E. Brown, MD, has announced a \$30 million gift to establish the Brown Center for Immunotherapy at the IU School of Medicine. The center will discover new ways to deploy immune-based therapies to treat cancers and pioneer use of this powerful technology in other diseases. Researchers will also study how to make this highly specialized therapy accessible to large numbers of patients.

"Immunology is the right place for a big investment. It is clear to me that this is the most exciting area in all of science," said Dr. Brown, a 1985 graduate of the IU School of Medicine who has founded three successful software companies. "It has tremendous potential for long-sought breakthroughs in cancer, but also autoimmune diseases, neurodegenerative diseases and a whole range of conditions. We have tremendous resources and talent in Indiana. Hopefully my contribution can push us over the top to do some really exciting things."

The gift is the IU School of Medicine's largest ever from an alumnus. The infusion of resources will enable IU School of Medicine Dean Jay Hess, MD, PhD, MHSA, Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD, and other school leaders to move aggressively to build the center and recruit top-flight experts in immunotherapy to Indiana.

"Immunotherapy represents one of the most promising advances in my career, if not in the entire history of medicine," said Dr. Hess, vice president for university clinical affairs and Walter J. Daly Professor. "The impact of this gift on patients will be extraordinary. The center will focus on developing innovative therapies to cure at least one type of cancer and slow the progression of at least one other chronic disease. We are tremendously grateful to Dr. Brown for partnering with the IU School of Medicine to make this vision a reality."

The gift will also provide a powerful boost to the state's economy. Dr. Brown's charge to the IU School of Medicine is "to use the work of the center to catalyze the formation of new companies and the creation of new jobs in the field of immune-based biotechnology."

To accomplish these goals, the Brown Center for Immunotherapy will collaborate with the private sector throughout Central Indiana, including leaders in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and other relevant fields.

"Throughout his exceptional career, Don Brown has established himself as one of Indiana's leading entrepreneurs in the fields of technology and software development," said IU President Michael A. McRobbie. "I am confident that, through his transformational gift, Don is catapulting the IU School of Medicine and state



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of Indiana to the leading edge of this vital area of research. By undertaking this grand challenge, the Brown Center for Immunotherapy will advance discovery that produces therapies for some of humanity's most insidious diseases. This is not simply a tremendous contribution to the IU School of Medicine and Indiana University; it is a life-changing gift for current and future generations around the world."

Video links:

- · A major gift funds immunotherapy center at IU School of Medicine
- A gift, immunotherapy research and new hope for patients

About cell-based immunotherapy

While immunotherapy broadly refers to a variety of techniques used to spur the immune system to fight disease, the Brown Center for Immunotherapy will focus more specifically on the emerging field of cell-based therapies.

Thus far, these therapies have shown the most promise against cancer. Cancer is able to thrive in part because tumor cells evade the body's natural defense system. Cell-based immunotherapy seeks to retrain the immune system to seek out and attack these tumor cells.

T cells -- a type of immune cell -- are extracted from a patient and engineered in a laboratory to recognize specific antigens on tumor cells through the insertion of a chimeric antigen receptor. Such modified T cells are known as chimeric T cells, or CAR T cells. Thousands of the CAR T cells are created and infused into the patient's bloodstream.

The cells act as a living drug that hunts down and kills cancer cells. Importantly, these reprogrammed immune cells survive in the body for years, constantly patrolling for cancer cells and attacking them as they appear.

While use of the therapy is still in its infancy, the results of small trials elsewhere have been remarkable. For example, CAR T cell therapy has been successfully used to treat refractory acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a disease that was previously considered universally fatal. In early trials at the University of Pennsylvania, nearly 90 percent of patients treated with the therapy survived.

The Brown Center for Immunotherapy will initially focus on multiple myeloma and triple negative breast cancer, two diseases for which the School of Medicine and its clinical partner Indiana University Health have a strong foundation of talent, sizable patient populations and existing resources that can be leveraged to maximize impact.

Researchers will also investigate potential opportunities to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders with immunotherapies.

"Our hope is to show this therapy's ability and effectiveness in one or two diseases while we simultaneously develop technology that is broadly applicable to many, many diseases," said Dr. Shekhar, who leads research for the School of Medicine. "Our vision is not simply to build a center or facility that can make immune cells and give treatments to a limited number of patients here in Indiana. Our vision is to create a program that will transform the whole technology so that thousands of patients all over the world can benefit from it."

How the gift will be used

Of the \$30 million gift, \$13 million will be directed to establish five endowed faculty chairs. These funds are crucial to recruit world-class leaders and provide them with an ongoing, stable source of funding. Thanks to a gift-matching program that is part of For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign, the financial support available from the endowed funds each year will essentially be doubled.

The director of the center will hold the Don Brown Chair in Immunotherapy. Other chairs that will support center leadership are named after four of Dr. Brown's eight children: the Paige Brown Chair in Experimental Therapeutics, the Nicole Brown Chair in Immunology, the Christopher Brown Chair in Immunology and the David Brown Chair in Genomic Medicine.

The remainder of the gift will be used to invest in necessary infrastructure and technologies and to fuel

research.

About Don Brown

Dr. Donald Brown is one of Indiana's most successful and respected entrepreneurs, and his ties to Indiana University run deep.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in physics from Indiana University Bloomington in 1978 and later enrolled in a combined MD/PhD program with the intent of becoming a laboratory researcher. After deciding that career path was not a good fit, he switched his focus to computer science. He earned a master of science in 1982 before finishing medical school in 1985.

Dr. Brown launched his first software company with a friend while still in medical school. Dealership Programming Inc. allowed car dealerships to easily calculate monthly payments for consumers financing their vehicles, a task that had previously been done on paper.

In 1988 he co-founded Software Artistry Inc., a developer of customer support software. He left to start Interactive Intelligence in 1994. Software Artistry became the first Indiana software company to go public in 1995 and was acquired by IBM in 1998.

Dr. Brown grew Interactive Intelligence into a national leader in call center and communication technologies, enabling businesses to improve customer service and productivity. He took the company public in 1999 and led the charge to migrate their software onto a cloud-based platform before most others in the industry had contemplated such a move.

The company was acquired on Dec. 1 by Genesys Telecommunications Laboratories Inc. for \$1.4 billion in the second largest tech deal in the state's history.

"When I learned that we were going to be selling Interactive Intelligence and I would be able to monetize the investments I had made, I wanted to take some portion of the fruit of my efforts and use it to give back to the larger community, and to do so at least partly as a message to my children," Dr. Brown said. "I wanted to communicate to them as much as anybody that my life has not been about accumulating wealth. I've always wanted to build teams and do really interesting things. The wealth has been a byproduct of that, and I'd like to be able to use that to do things that benefit not just me and not just my family, but society as a whole. That's been a huge factor behind this effort."

About For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign

For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign is taking place on all IU-administered campuses including IU Bloomington, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, IU East, IU Kokomo, IU Northwest, IU South Bend, and IU Southeast. The campaign will conclude in December 2019 to coincide with IU's bicentennial year celebration in 2020. To learn more about the campaign, its impact, and how to participate, visit forall.iu.edu.

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CTSI Postdoctoral Training Awards in Translational Research - 2017.01

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE - January 13, 2017 (5:00 PM). The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for special postdoctoral training awards in translational research. In biomedical terminology, translational research refers to what is popularly termed as "bench to bedside"; the process by which research in the lab translates into patient treatment. Translation may involve applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans, or carrying out research aimed at enhancing the adoption of best practices, or both. To be eligible, candidates must have received a PhD or equivalent degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Please refer to the competition guidelines for full eligibility criteria.

Opportunities available for CTSI Postdoctoral Trainees include:

- Annual stipend aligned with NIH postdoctoral fellowships
- . Mentoring with a faculty member whose research program includes peer reviewed, extramurally funded clinical or translational research
- Networking with other pre and post-doctoral trainees, program mentors, and allied researchers from multiple institutions in Indiana to develop a cross-disciplinary community of scientists
- Attendance at a national meeting that involves similar trainees from 40 other medical schools and research institutions
- Funding is for one year and is renewable for one additional year pending review and demonstration of satisfactory progress

Contact Information

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Submission Checklist

- 1. The applicant meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the application guidelines.
- 2. The applicant has identified a Primary Mentor and Co-Mentor, that meet the criteria outlined in the application guidelines.
- 3. The application includes:
 - Cover sheet
 - Biosketch of Applicant (5 page maximum)
 - Biosketch of Primary Mentor (5 page maximum)
 - Biosketch of Co-Mentor (5 page maximum)
 - Training Plan (5 page maximum)
 - o Mentor / Co-Mentor Information (4 page maximum)
- 4. The submission is collated into a single electronic file that is in PDF file format.

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CTSI Young Investigator Award in Clinical - Translational Research - 2017.01

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE - JANUARY 17, 2017 (5:00 PM).

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for the CTSI Young Investigator Awards in Clinical-Translational Research. These awards are designed to provide promising junior investigator faculty with the opportunity to be mentored in research-intensive multi-disciplinary settings toward the goal of developing careers in clinical-translational research. Clinical research includes epidemiological studies, clinical trials, or other investigations involving human subjects. Translational research consists of either "T1 research" (interface of basic science to human studies) or "T2 research" (interface of human studies to the community). To be eligible, candidates must fall into 1 of the following 2 categories: 1) Clinician-scientists with a doctoral degree (physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, clinical psychologists, optometrists, veterinarians, allied health care professionals, etc.) or 2) Basic scientists with a PhD who are doing translational research, which involves some component of human subjects research and has high potential for early translation in impacting patient care.

Benefits include partial salary support, as well as tuition and fees for required and elective coursework, pilot research monies, and travel funds to attend the national CTSI young investigator meeting.

Interested candidates must e-mail their CV to Donna Burgett at dfburget@regenstrief.org for eligibility determination, prior to submission of a full application online.

Contact Information

Contact Name: Donna Burgett

Contact Email: dfburget@regenstrief.org

Submission Checklist

- 1. The applicant meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the application guidelines and has received prior approval from the CTSI Education office to submit their application online.
- 2. The applicant has identified a Primary Mentor and Co-Mentor, that meet the criteria outlined in the application guidelines.
- 3. The application uses no smaller than 11 point fort format for questions 1-9.
- 4. The application includes:
 - o Completed questions 1-9 (6 page maximum)
 - CV for applicant
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation (one from the Primary Mentor)
 - Letter from Department Chair assuring 75% protected research time during the award period.
 - o CV or Biosketch of Primary Mentor (5 page maximum)
 - CV or Biosketch of Co-Mentor (5 page maximum)
- 5. The submission is collated into a single electronic file that is in PDF file format.

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Andrea Zeek has joined the IU School of Medicine as communications coordinator for the Indiana CTSI and schoolwide research communications.

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Andrea comes to the CTSI from the University of Iowa, where she worked in science news and media relations. Her prior experience includes communications roles at IU Bloomington and IUPUI and working as a journalist in Indiana.

She has a master's degree in journalism with a concentration in health and science communication from IU Bloomington and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ball State University.

If you have a news tip or communications question, you can contact her at 317-278-2886 or anzeek@iu.edu



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Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases' Pilot and Feasibility - 2017.03

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LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - JANUARY 9, 2017 (5:00 PM) FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - MARCH 6, 2017 (5:00 PM)

This funding opportunity announcement invites applications from investigators at Indiana University (IUSM, IUB, etc.), IUPUI, and Purdue. The program will be particularly directed at new investigators and established investigators new to diabetes-related research. The program will also consider established diabetes investigators pursuing high impact/high risk projects or projects that are a significant departure from their usual work. The campuses are ideal for establishing interdisciplinary collaborations and forging new partnerships between basic scientists and clinical researchers, and such collaborations are encouraged. Work supported by these funds is expected to lead to submissions of major extramural grants (R01/equivalent NIH, major foundation awards, DOD, etc.).

Contact Information

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Submission Checklist

- 1. I meet the qualifications of faculty appointment at my respective institution as outlined in the competition guidelines.
- 2. A letter of intent has been submitted.
- 3. The start date of the proposal is July 1, 2017 or later and duration is 12 months or less.
- 4. Budget includes direct costs only. Facilities and administrative costs, or indirects are not allowed.
- 5. The text of the Research Plan does not exceed 3 single-spaced pages, excluding references; type size is at least 11 point.
- 6. Biographical sketches and other support pages have been completed in NIH format.
- 7. The submission file is attached in a single PDF file, using the proposal forms provided and includes all the necessary signatures.

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Biomedical Research Grant - 2017.01

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE - January 10, 2017 (5:00 PM).

The Biomedical Research Grant program is open to all IU School of Medicine (IUSM) faculty that are full-time, regardless of tenure status, having an appointment of Assistant/Associate/Full Professor and Assistant/Associate/Full Scientist. In general, two categories of research projects will benefit from this program: 1) research projects of investigators new to IUSM who do not yet have extramural funding and who need support to acquire the preliminary data necessary to compete for extramural funding; 2) research projects of established IUSM investigators who are between funding periods from extramural sources.

Contact Information

Contact Name: Zullymar Jimenez Contact Email: zjimenez@iu.edu

Submission Checklist

- 1. The submission has not been previously published, nor is it before another grant for consideration (or an explanation has been provided in Comments to the Editor).
- 2. The submission file is in Microsoft Word, RTF, or WordPerfect document file format.
- 3. Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.
- 4. The text is single-spaced; uses a 11-point font; employs italics, rather than underlining (except with URL addresses); and all illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.
- 5. The text adheres to the stylistic and bibliographic requirements outlined in the Investigator Guidelines, which is found in About the Competition.

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Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust - 2017.01

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KC ROUTING DEADLINE - January 10, 2017 (5:00 PM).

Since 1975, IUSM has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research, eligible for funding, are broad and described by the benefactors as "the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind." Donor intent prohibits the use of Showalter Trust funds for research in psychiatry, sociology, or social studies. Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review by the IUSM Biomedical Research Committee (BRC) will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will then provide a recommended ranking to the Showalter Trustees who conduct a second review. Final funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees. Applications for funding beginning July 1, 2017 must be routed to the Office of Research Administration (ORA) by 5pm on Tuesday, January 10. ORA approved applications should then be uploaded to the CTSI website no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 17. Only current full-time faculty (non-visiting status) having a primary appointment in IUSM and a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding from the Showalter Research Trust. Note that the same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust.

Application forms and instructions can also be found at: https://www.sharepoint.iu.edu/sites/adminservices/Research/SitePages/Home.aspx

Contact Information

Contact Name: Zullymar Jimenez Contact Email: zjimenez@iu.edu

Submission Checklist

- 1. I am a full-time faculty member (non-visiting status) with a primary appointment in the School of Medicine. My appointment level is an Assistant Professor or Assistant Scientist.
- 2. A letter is included from my department chair that indicates support for the proposal and for the development of my research career.
- 3. The submission file is provided in a single PDF or Microsoft Word (not docx) file that includes all the appropriate sections, relevant appendices, and all the necessary signatures.
- 4. The text of the application is double-spaced; uses an Arial 12-point font; 1 inch left / right margins and follows the outline detailed in the application instructions.
- 5. If this grant has been previously submitted to the Biomedical Research Commitee, or any external agency, I have included unedited copies of those reviews as part of my application.
- $6. \ \ This proposal \ has \ NOT \ been \ simultaneously \ submitted \ to \ any \ other \ internal \ grant \ program \ (REG, BRG, etc...)$
- 7. I have completed the Institutional Route Sheet and obtained appropriate departmental signatures.

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE - January 10, 2017 (5:00 PM).

The IUSM Research Enhancement Program is designed to stimulate research productivity at the statewide Centers for Medical Education including the Bloomington Medical Sciences Program. All full-time Center/Medical Sciences faculty, regardless of tenure status, having an appointment of Assistant/Associate/Full Professor or Assistant/Associate/Full Scientist at time of submission, are eligible to apply for a Research Enhancement Grant. Primary appointment must be in the School of Medicine. Faculty in Visiting ranks are not eligible for funding through this mechanism.

Contact Information

Contact Name: Zullymar Jimenez Contact Email: zjimenez@iu.edu

Submission Checklist

- 1. The submission has not been previously published, nor is it before another grant for consideration (or an explanation has been provided in Comments to the Editor).
- 2. The submission file is in Microsoft Word, RTF, or WordPerfect document file format.
- 3. Where available, URLs for the references have been provided.
- 4. The text is single-spaced; uses a 12-point font; employs italics, rather than underlining (except with URL addresses); and all illustrations, figures, and tables are placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.
- 5. The text adheres to the stylistic and bibliographic requirements outlined in the Investigator Guidelines, which is found in About the Competition.

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CTSI - IU Kelley MBA Core and Project Business Management Assistance - 2017.01

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE - JANUARY 16, 2017 (5:00 PM)

The Indiana CTSI, jointly with the IU Kelley School of Business, offers to provide for a team of 2-5 Indiana Kelley MBA students (from the residential-MBA program in Bloomington) to be your partners for the project as a part of their independent study program for course credit. Project duration will be 8 weeks. Selected cores will be expected to engage with the MBA students for initial project scope (2 hours), additional follow-up or onsite meetings (8-12 hours) and a final project close-out (1-2 hours). The MBA students will contribute 30-100 hours each (depending on the project scope, number of team members and course credit assignment) to the project progression in turn. Selected projects will commence in February - March 2017 and will be completed by early May.

Contact Information

Contact Name: Rob Dimmitt Contact Email: rdimmitt@iu.edu

Submission Checklist

- 1. The proposal consists of the completed application form with signature (electronic acceptable) of core director.
- 2. The application file is uploaded in a single PDF file.

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IIMR VA Young Investigator Award (YIA) - 2017.02

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LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE JANUARY 18, 2017 APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 08, 2017

IIMR's mission is to promote and enhance research efforts that will ultimately result in improved quality of life for veterans and for the greater population. In support of that mission, IIMR works to encourage investigators to develop their research careers by working with IIMR and the VA and veterans to answer important questions. One way IIMR encourages investigators is to sponsor the annual Young Investigator Award Program, which provides a competitive experience for investigators to explore the possibilities of VA-related research.

The IIMR is currently seeking submissions for clinical, basic science and translational research. It is expected that two meritorious awards will be funded through this RFA cycle. Project budgets should be limited to those funds necessary to carry out the research project and should limited to \$25,000.

Please note: If you want to attend a grants writing workshop or educational session prior to completing your YIA submission, please contact the IIMR via Mary.Gray1@va.gov, 317.988.9544, or refer to the IIMR website at iimrindy.org. Our office will be happy to assist you in enrolling in a workshop or session.

WHO MAY APPLY - QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Applicant must be an MD, DO, DNP, PhD, PharmD, RpH, DDS, DMD, or DPT
- 2. Applicant must be a VA employee or eligible for VA and IIMR funding, with the intent to become a VA Principal investigator
- 3. Applicant must not currently hold (or not previously been awarded) external funding as a primary investigator (excluding pilot awards of \$40k or less.)

Contact Information

Contact Name: Mary Gray

Contact Email: Mary.Gray1@va.gov

Submission Checklist

There is no checklist for this competition.

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Design and Biostatistics Program (DBP) Pilot Grant - 2017.02

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LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - DECEMBER 16, 2016 FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 6, 2017 (5:00 PM)

The Design and Biostatistics Program (DBP) of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is comprised of 8 units with associated expertise: 1) Department of Biostatistics, IU School of Medicine and Fairbanks School of Public Health; 2) Division of Hereditary Genomics, Department of Medical & Molecular Genetics, IU School of Medicine; 3) Computational Biology, Center for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, IU School of Medicine; 4) Department of Epidemiology, Fairbanks School of Public Health; 5) Department of Statistics, Purdue College of Science; 6) Department of Applied & Computational Math & Statistics, Notre Dame School of Science; 7) Department of Statistics, IU Bloomington College of Arts & Sciences; 8) Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, IU Bloomington School of Public Health

To achieve its objectives and stimulate development for emerging translational research needs, the DBP will fund innovative pilot projects that support methodological research of faculty members in the eight units that comprise the DBP. The total budget for the entire RFA is \$20,000, and it is expected that up to two awards will be funded at approximately \$10,000 per award for a twelve month duration. The objective of this mechanism is to fund research proposals that will synergize methodological strengths and translational biomedical research of the DBP, and in particular, the following types of research proposals:

- Research projects that propose to develop novel methodology (such as biostatistical, epidemiological, genetic, and bioinformatics methods).
- Research projects that match novel methodology with translational science needs.
- · Research projects that have high potential to obtain external funding.

Preference will be given to investigators who have not already received extramural funding. Applications to this program are expected to be \$10,000 per award and are of one (1) year duration.

Contact Information

Contact Name: Dr. Susan Perkins Contact Email: sperkin1@iu.edu

Submission Checklist

- 1. I meet the qualifications of faculty appointment as outlined in the competition guidelines.
- 2. I have submitted the Letter of Intent (LOI).
- 3. The start date of the proposal is May 1, 2017 or later and duration is 12 months or less.
- 4. Budget includes direct costs only. Facilities and administrative costs, or indirects are not allowed.
- 5. The text of the Research Plan does not exceed 4 single-spaced pages, excluding references; type size is at least 11 point.
- 6. Biographical sketches have been completed in NIH format.
- 7. The submission file is attached in a single PDF file, using the proposal forms provided.

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FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 (5:00 PM)

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is soliciting proposals from postdoctoral researchers to develop translational research through the use of technologies and expertise available at the Indiana CTSI-designated core facilities available at all partner institutions. Translational research refers research in the lab that eventually translates into patient treatment to improve human healthcare. Translation involves applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans.

CTSI-designated core facilities are cores that undergo a yearly accreditation process through the Indiana CTSI for all partner institutions. The Postdoc Challenge offers postdoctoral researchers at Indiana University, Indiana University School of Medicine, IUPUI, Purdue University, and the University of Notre Dame valuable proposal writing and reviewing experience in areas related to translational research through the use of one or more of the CTSI-designated core facilities at any of the partner universities. This is a competitive opportunity for a \$5,000 award in the form of an expense account for use of core facility services. Funding is to be used only for services provided by the core facilities. Indiana CTSI-designated core facilities are listed on the CTSI HUB. (https://www.indianactsi.org/servicecores)

Applications to this program are limited to \$5,000 and are of one (1) year duration.

Informational Workshops

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the two grant writing Informational Workshops.

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Workshops may also be attended via WebEx at https://purdue.webex.com/purdue/j.php?MTID=m5c3136d5bac0899d0811ad1d7bbb6af6

A workshop for those participating as proposal reviewers will be offered in March 2017.

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Submission Checklist

- 1. I meet the qualifications of post-doctoral research associate at my respective institution as outlined in the competition guidelines.
- 2. A letter of support has been submitted from the applicant's advisor.
- 3. A letter of support has been submitted from the Core Facility Director.
- 4. The text of the Project Summary and Research Plan does not exceed 3 single-spaced pages, Arial 11 font, and 0.5" margins, excluding references.
- 5. Biographical sketches have been completed in the new NIH format.
- 6. The submission file is attached in a single PDF file, using the proposal forms provided and includes all the necessary signatures.

Files for Investigators

- DOWNLOAD THE COMPETITION GUIDELINES
- DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FORM
- NIH BIOSKETCH TEMPLATE
- SAMPLE LETTER ADVISOR
- SAMPLE LETTER CORE
- PURDUE WORKSHOP FLYER
- NOTRE DAME WORKSHOP FLYER
- IUSM/IUPUI WORKSHOP FLYER
- IU BLOOMINGTON WORKSHOP FLYER

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