MedStar Health Research Institute

2018 New Investigator - Associate Giving Grant Fund
Request for Proposal (RFP) Announcement

We are pleased to announce the third year of the MedStar Health Research Institute (MHRI) New Investigator - Associate Giving Grant Fund. This grant fund benefits a MedStar Health new investigator and the important research they are conducting to advance health and create new knowledge.

The overall goal of the Associate Giving Grant announcement is to:

1) Stimulate support of scientific research for a MedStar Health new investigator that will advance health for patients in the communities we serve and;
2) help provide seed funding which may lead to external grant funding.

The request for proposal (RFP) process:

Criteria for selection of successful grant applications include:

1. The principal investigator must be at a faculty/attending level (i.e., no longer in a training program) and within 5 years of joining MedStar Health (i.e., a MedStar employee at any MedStar entity or location)
2. The proposal will help a new MedStar-investigator launch their research career.
3. The proposal will obtain pilot data and/or valuable experience that will be subsequently used to obtain external funding.

Technical aspects for the New Investigator Grant:

1) **This RFP is being issued in January 2018. Submissions will be due on March 26, 2018 and notification of decisions will be made in late April 2018** (funding would be anticipated for the academic year July 2018 – June 2019).

2) **Review:** A scientific review committee will review all applications on their scientific merit, feasibility, and potential for future funding. The review committee will be members of the MHRI Senior Managers, Scientific Advisory Board and other select experts. All peer reviews will be fully confidential.

3) **Duration:** The investigative team is expected to start as soon as possible after the notification, but no longer than 4 months from the time of notification. The proposal should be completed in 12 months (by June 30, 2019) at which time the pilot data obtained should be used for a new external grant application.

4) **Budget:** The proposal budget must not exceed $25,000 direct costs. There are no indirect charges associated with this grant opportunity. The proposed budget can be used for any study related to expenses necessary to complete the proposed investigation (e.g., salary, supplies, equipment, etc.).

5) **Application Process:** Please send applications to Research@medstar.net as a single pdf file by 11:59 pm on Monday, March 26, 2018 and include:
   1) Proposal narrative must not exceed 5 pages and should include:
      a) Title of project
      b) Principal Investigator and Project Team
      c) Background/Significance
      d) Description of Research Strategy and Methodology
   2) a one page summary of the research proposed and anticipated outcomes
   3) NIH Biosketch (standard 5 pages – see sample attached) or an abridged CV equivalent for each investigator and
   4) a proposed budget and budget justification *

   * Note: Biosketch and Budget and Budget Justification are not included in the 5 page limit

Questions about the application process should be directed to Katie Carlin at 301.560.2911 or Katie.N.Carlin@medstar.net