

Stuart K. Patrick Grant for Transplant Innovation at the University of Pittsburgh

Purpose

The Stuart K. Patrick Grant for Transplant Innovation at the University of Pittsburgh provides funding to researchers at the University of Pittsburgh who have innovative new research ideas in the field of transplantation. Clinical and basic science proposals are welcome. The goal of the grant is to provide short-term (1 to 2 years) support for the development of a highly innovative, potentially transformational line of research that will result in a high impact paper, patent application, or grant submission. The grant will be for a total of \$100,000 for up to two years and is not renewable.

A. Requirements and Restrictions

1. Eligibility

At the time of activation of this award, the applicant must hold a University of Pittsburgh Faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor or higher. Faculty with a Research prefix are included. Adjunct faculty are not included. If the awardee leaves the University of Pittsburgh during the award years, any remaining funds are understood to be forfeited.

2. Previous or Current Funding Allowed

The research proposed must be novel (i.e. not currently or previously funded at the R21, R01 or equivalent level). There is no limit to the total amount of grant funding that the applicant may hold at the time of submission; however, significant overlap with the research proposed in this application is not permitted.

3. Number of Applications and Grants Awarded

The Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute will fund one grant per funding cycle.

B. Application and Document Formatting

1. Contact Information and Project Title
2. Applicant's NIH-style biosketch
3. Applicant's NIH-style other support page (including overlap)
4. Summary of Research Project
 - a. Scientific Abstract (no more than 200 words)
 - b. Lay Abstract (no more than 150 words)

5. 3-page Research Proposal containing the following:
 - a. Specific Aims
 - b. Background/Preliminary Work
 - c. Proposed Research Strategy
 - d. Timeline/milestones of proposal – Timelines should address when major milestones of the proposal will be reached, as well as plans to use study results to prepare manuscript, grant or patent submissions
 - e. References (not included in 3-page limit)
6. Preliminary Budget

C. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

All applications will be evaluated by a peer-review body at the University of Pittsburgh. Applications will not be considered unless they contain all of the information requested in item B. The novelty of the project proposed and its relationship to the research missions of the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute will weigh heavily into the funding decision.

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by **May 15, 2024**. The Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute will provide a limited written critique of each application.

D. TERMS AND AMOUNT OF AWARD:

1. The award will provide \$100,000 for up to two years beginning July 1 and may be used toward salaries and supplies related to the applicant's proposal. The grant budget may include salary support plus fringe for the applicant.
2. The award will commence on July 1, 2024.
3. Year 2 funding is contingent upon the submission of a progress report at the end of year 1. The report should address progress that has been made toward year 1 milestones that were described in the grant proposal, as well as plans for year 2.
4. A final progress report is due within one month after funding ends. The report should address accomplishments made during the funding period and future plans.
5. PI is to present work related to the Innovation Grant annually at one of STI's educational seminars.

E. HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION:

Candidates must save their application forms as PDF files and submit all applications electronically to stiresearch@pitt.edu.

Application deadline **11:59 p.m. on January 15, 2024.**

All inquiries should be made to stiresearch@pitt.edu.