The Department of Pediatrics Research Council is pleased to announce a competitive funding mechanism to provide support to Assistant Professor Clinical/Teaching Scholars who do not have external grant support as Principal Investigator (PI) for development of tangible scholarly products (e.g., manuscript, medical devices, patents, support clinical trial, publishable/widely disseminated teaching tool). The purpose is to provide seed funds for clinical, research, or other support services needed to assist junior faculty in achieving a benchmark needed for promotion. Budgets up to $25,000 total for one year will be considered.

CRITERIA:
- Only Assistant Professor-level Clinical/Teaching Scholars (i.e. on Academic track) with a primary appointment in the Department of Pediatrics, and who do not currently serve as PI on an externally funded grant, are eligible to apply.
- Proposals should have direct application to pediatrics and can include support for clinical research, a teaching tool with a clear pathway for dissemination (e.g. publishable) of the product, or basic research. Highest priority will be given to proposals that have a clear metric for a scholarly product that meets a promotion goal.

The deadline for e-submission of proposals (as a single pdf file) is April 9, 2018 at 4:00pm to Thea Hall at tihall@umn.edu.

PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS [NO EXCEPTIONS TO 4 PAGE LIMIT ON PROPOSAL BODY DETAILED BELOW]:
- Single-spaced, Arial size 11 font must be used with ½ inch margins.
- Proposals should include:
  1. Title
  2. Investigator/Division
  3. Description of project or scholarly product to be developed and its relation to pediatrics
  4. Budget and Budget Justification (not included in page limit): Use NIH style format summarizing categorical costs (i.e., faculty*, personnel, supplies, etc.). * Assistant Professors, only if PI, may request up to 10% effort (NIH salary cap). This award will not support computers, equipment ≥ $2K, indirect or administrative costs, and subawards to other institutions or organizations. Conference/Travel expenses up to $1K are allowed if the PI is presenting work derived from the project.
  5. 5-page NIH biosketches of all key personnel (not included in page limit)
  6. References (not included in page limit)
  7. Applicable IRB and/or IACUC approvals (not included in page limit)

Proposals will be internally reviewed for scientific merit and impact. Note that tangible scholarly products that can be achieved in one year will be given priority over data collection necessary for additional applications. Up to two proposals will be funded. Funds awarded are anticipated to be available on or after May 15, 2018 (pending IRB/IACUC approvals, if applicable).

A final report is due upon project completion. For funds remaining at the end of the award period, 1-year extension requests will be considered. However, all remaining funds beyond the 1-year extension will be recovered by the department.

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