The Department of Pediatrics Research Council is pleased to announce a competitive funding mechanism to facilitate cross-divisional collaborations with a clear metric toward a larger external grant, clinical trial, or other meaningful scholarship that will bring recognition to the Department of Pediatrics. Budgets up to $200,000 TOTAL (over two years; not to exceed $100,000 in year 1) will be considered for research-related expenses. Year 2 funding will be contingent on progress in year 1.

CRITERIA:

- It is a requirement that there are two co-principal investigators (co-PIs) with primary appointments in the Department of Pediatrics from two separate pediatric divisions, with an additional mandate that a pediatric Academic Track clinical scholar faculty member (not necessarily as co-PI) with a justifiable and relevant scholarly role be a member of the investigative team. Prior and external (University, other) collaborations are acceptable.
- Proposals should have direct application to pediatric research, including basic, clinical, population, and translational research. Highest priority will be given to studies that are novel with high potential for impact at either the clinical or population level, potential for large externally funded grant acquisition, and for those with no other potential sources of similar philanthropic support.

The deadline for submission is September 11, 2018 at 4:00pm to Caitlyn Bralick at brali001@umn.edu.

PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS (5 PAGE LIMIT ON PROPOSAL BODY DETAILED BELOW):

- Arial size 11 font must be used with ½ inch margins.
- Proposals should include:
  1. Title
  2. Investigative team/Role (Co-PI)/Divisions
  3. Lay synopsis of proposed research (1 paragraph)
  4. Specific Aims
  5. Significance/Impact of the Research (include how this project fills gaps of knowledge and can lead to future funding and/or expanded clinical trials).
  6. Background
  7. Preliminary Work
  8. Description of Proposed Research (e.g., study design, methods, statistical considerations, timeline, anticipated results, etc.)
  9. Budget and Budget Justification, Use NIH style format briefly summarizing categorical costs (i.e., faculty*, personnel, supplies, etc) associated with the project (not included in page limit); *Assistant Professors only if co-PI may request up to 10% effort. This award will not support computers, equipment >10K, indirect or administrative costs, and subawards to other institutions. Travel expenses up to $1,500/year and publication costs up to $3K (total) are allowed for work directly supported by this award.
  10. Funding need (are there other potential sources of philanthropic support?)
  11. 5-page NIH biosketches of all key personnel
  12. References
  13. Applicable IRB and/or IACUC approvals

Proposals will be internally reviewed for scientific merit and impact. One proposal will be funded. Funds awarded will be available on or after November 1, 2018.

A 1-page progress report is due at the end of year 1. A final report is due upon project completion. For funds remaining at the end of the award period, a 1-year extension request will be considered, following which all remaining funds will be recovered by the department.

Programmatic questions should be directed to Dr. Angela Panoskaltsis-Mortari (panos001@umn.edu).