The Department of Pediatrics Research Council is pleased to announce a competitive funding mechanism to provide support to faculty members with a primary appointment in the Department of Pediatrics who plan to submit an R01 or similar national level funding. Up to five proposals will be funded.

**Criteria:**

- Proposals should have direct application to pediatrics. Projects should be innovative, demonstrate a high level of potential impact & significance, and include a strong approach.
- The PI, or at least one of the PIs for a multi-PI project, must have a primary appointment in the Department of Pediatrics, and can be at any rank and track.
- All Pediatric topic areas are welcome, but preference will be given to proposals that incorporate the “Obesity & Metabolic Health” theme either directly or indirectly.

**Amount of award**
The award is for $20,000 for one year, and will not cover travel expenses, computers, equipment ≥ $2K, indirect or administrative costs. Subawards to other institutions or organizations are not allowed.

The deadline for e-submissions of proposals is December 18, 2017 at 4:00pm.

**Preparation of proposals [no exceptions to page limits detailed below]**

Applications, sent as a single pdf to Caitlyn Bralick (brali001@umn.edu), should be single spaced, with ½ inch margins and Arial 11 point font, and must include:

1. Cover page that states a) Title of the Project, b) Investigator(s)/Division(s), c) Lay Synopsis of proposed research (up to 8 lines), d) A clear statement of the impact of the work and future potential for funding
2. Specific Aim(s) (maximum ½ page)
3. Significance and Innovation
4. Description of Proposed Research (including rationale, study design, analytic/statistical considerations, anticipated results, pitfalls and alternative plans)
   **Note:** Items 2-4 should not exceed 2 pages.
5. NIH Biosketch of the PI(s) and Co-I(s)
6. NIH-style budget with justification, eg. chemicals, personnel, supplies, animal costs, core facility use. Budgeted funds to cover faculty effort cannot exceed $10K in total for all investigators combined (including fringe).
7. References
8. Please include letters of support and IRB and/or IACUC approvals if applicable

Proposals will be reviewed by the Pediatrics Research Council for scientific merit and impact. Funds awarded are anticipated to be available on or after January 15, 2018.

**Reporting Requirements:**
Principal investigators of funded projects will be required to provide a final progress report and financial report of all funds expended within 30 days after the end of the one-year award period. 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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