GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:
PEDIATRIC “R” AWARD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Due: January 13, 2017 (4pm)

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. Budgets up to $50,000 per year for 2 years will be considered ($100,000 total; not to exceed $50,000 in the first year). Year 2 funding will be contingent upon progress made in year 1, i.e. a demonstrable goal must be achieved at the end of year 1. Equipment purchases greater than $1,000 are not allowed.

CRITERIA:
- The R grant mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory/developmental research by providing support for early stages of project development similar to an R21 grant. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r21.htm
- Proposals should have direct application to pediatrics. Projects should be innovative, demonstrate a high level of potential significance, and include a strong approach.
- Assistant and Associate Professors with a primary appointment in Pediatrics at UMN are eligible to apply. Involvement of Clinical Scholar faculty is highly encouraged when applicable.

The deadline for e-submission of proposals is January 13, 2017 at 4:00pm to Caitlyn Bralick at brali001@umn.edu.

PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS [NO EXCEPTIONS TO PAGE LIMITS ON PROPOSAL BODY DETAILED BELOW]:

- Arial size 11 font must be used with ½ inch margins.
- Proposals should be prepared according to the NIH guidelines for R21s:
  1. Cover page that states a) Title of Project, b) Investigator(s)/Division(s), c) Lay synopsis of proposed research (1 paragraph)
  2. Specific Aims (maximum 1 page)
  3. Significance and Innovation
  4. Description of Proposed Research (including rationale, experimental design, statistical considerations, anticipated results, pitfalls and alternative plans)
  5. *Summary Statement, if applicable (see below), and response (maximum 1 page)
  6. Budget and Budget Justification, Use NIH style format briefly summarizing categorical costs [i.e., faculty (#if applicable), personnel, supplies, etc.] associated with the project (not included in page limit); #Assistant and Associate Professors, only if PI, may request up to 10% effort.
  7. 5-page NIH biosketches of all key personnel (not included in page limit)
  8. References (not included in page limit)

*Note that a grant previously submitted to a national level funding program that was scored, but not awarded, may be submitted for consideration provided that the summary statement (reviewers’ comments) is also submitted for review along with a justification on how the R award will be used to respond to the critique.

Proposals will be internally reviewed for scientific merit and impact. Up to four proposals will be funded. Funds awarded are anticipated to be available on or after March 3, 2017.

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