REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:

Andrew David Sit Foundation Innovators Fund

Applications are sought for a new award from the Sit Innovators Fund. The purpose of the fund is to drive breakthrough research and care, and support University of Minnesota investigators in the Pediatric Heart Center who are pursuing the most promising research in pediatric cardiology and congenital heart disease. This fund will support investigators, at any career stage, who demonstrate a promising track record for novel approaches advancing early stage ideas, and will make possible creative projects and clinical trials to find new treatments and cures for children's cardiovascular disease.

One award in the amount of $20,000 will be granted through a competitive, peer-reviewed selection process to an investigator whose project shows significant promise, is innovative and has the greatest potential for improving children's and adult's lives. The work eligible for this award includes, but is not limited to:

- Congenital and genetic heart disease research (pediatric and adult)
- Development of drugs and miniaturized devices that can be used specifically for children
- Clinical trials (pre-clinical and clinical stage)
- Protocols specific to pediatric or congenital heart failure and transplant patients

Who can apply?
University of Minnesota investigators in the Pediatric Heart Center with a paid UMN appointment are eligible. Previous awardees are eligible.

Amount of award
The award is for $20,000 for one year, and will not cover travel expenses, computers, equipment ≥ $5K, indirect or administrative costs. Subawards to other institutions or organizations are not allowed.

Application Process:
Applications, sent as a single pdf to Thea Hall (tlhall@umn.edu), should be single spaced, with ½ inch margins and Arial 11 point font, and must include:

1. Cover Page (1 page) listing title of proposal, total amount requested, PI(s), Co-Is, department affiliations, and signed by the PI(s)
2. A lay synopsis of the proposed research (no more than ½ page)
3. Innovation, and applicability to children’s heart disease
4. A clear statement of the impact of the work and future potential for funding
   (Note: items 2-4 not to exceed 1 page)
5. Specific Aim(s) and Methods/Study Design including statistical power analysis, if applicable. (not to exceed 2 pages, including figures/tables but excluding references)
6. References
7. NIH Biosketch of the PI(s) and Co-l(s)
8. NIH-style budget with justification.
9. Letters of support, and IRB and/or IACUC approvals if applicable (not included in page limits)

Grants are due by 11:59 pm, on Monday, June 4, 2018 with a funding start date of July 1, 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.

Contact Information:
Programmatic questions should be directed to Dr. Angela Panoskaltsis-Mortari (panos001@umn.edu)
Administrative, budget, and instructions questions should be directed to Mrs. Thea Hall (tlhall@umn.edu)