REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: Summer’s Wish Pediatric Cardiology Innovators Fund

Applications are sought for new awards from Summer’s Wish Fund in which the purpose is to drive breakthrough basic research that has high potential to inform our understanding of pediatric heart disease, and the translational research that is crucial to the implementation testing of that work in the laboratory and clinic, to improve outcomes for children who undergo transplantation. This fund will support investigators at all stages of their careers 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. Preference will be given, but not limited, to research with direct or indirect applicability to pediatric heart transplantation.

This fund is made possible through the generosity of the Ostlund family, in honor of their granddaughter Summer receiving the 800th heart transplant at the University of Minnesota. The award specifically seeks to fund high impact research projects (one large and 2 smaller awards) that will be leveraged into future national funding and trials.

The work eligible for these awards includes, but is not limited to:

- Basic science/translational research in congenital and genetic heart disease
- Development of miniaturized devices that can be used specifically for children
- Clinical trials or other clinical research in pediatric cardiology or cardiovascular surgery
- Protocols specific to pediatric heart failure and transplant patients

Who can apply?
Eligible investigators are those who are full-time faculty, and may come from any department on any campus of the University of Minnesota.

Amount of awards
The larger award is for $100,000 per year for two years. The total two-year budget will not exceed $200,000. The second year of funding will be contingent on the submission of an adequate progress report for year 1 of the award. The seed grants are for up to $40,000 each and are for one year only. The awards will not cover indirect or administrative costs.

Application Process:
Applications, sent as a single pdf to Montana Beeson (beeso025@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 (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 Aims and Methods/Experimental Design including statistical power analysis, if applicable. (not to exceed 4 pages, including figures/tables but excluding references)
6. References
7. NIH Biosketch of the PI(s) and Co-I(s)
8. NIH-style budget with justification. Faculty effort up to 10% may be included but all personnel costs may not exceed half the budget (justified exceptions to this will be considered). Equipment ≥ $10K may not be included.

Grants are due on November 15, 2016 with a funding start date of January 1, 2017