

Call for Applications!

Deadlines

August 17 – Letter of Intent

September 7- Application Due

October 15 – Final Selection

November 1 – Funding Initiated

December 1, 2019 – Progress Report Due

Target Audience

Junior investigators starting a research program

Established investigators moving to a new area of research that is clearly distinct from prior research

Eligibility

- Full-time faculty member of the KSOM as of July 1, 2018, including faculty members at CHLA.
- Single or multiple PIs will be considered
- Co-Is from other USC schools will be allowed, but all funds will be disbursed directly through KSOM rather than through satellite accounts to other schools

PURPOSE

To provide funding for initial exploration of new research areas by KSOM faculty members. Priority will be to obtain feasibility data that will clearly lead to submission of new NIH R-series or other major research proposals.

SUBMIT YOUR LETTER OF INTENT BY [CLICKING HERE](#)

Due no later than 5:00 PM (PDT) on **August 17, 2018**. The letter of intent is optional but will aid in securing the appropriate expertise on the review panel

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Due no later than **September 7**, the full application will include the following: cover page; ½ page abstract; a focused (≤ 3 pages) research plan; <1 page bibliography; biosketches of all investigators; cost share letter; budget and budget justification. *Grant submission portal will open August 1.*



AWARD

Up to \$37,500, for one year composed of a 2:1 ratio of funds from the Dean's office and the investigators' home department(s). For example, the maximum award would include \$25,000 from the Dean's office and \$12,500 from the home department(s) of participating investigator(s).

- Applications must include a letter of commitment specifying the amount and source(s) of the cost share.
- Applications from multiple departments can derive the cost share from any combination of participating departments; it is up to the investigators to secure the matching funds.
- A no-cost extension of up to one additional year may be granted upon review of a written request to the Dean of the Keck School
- The Keck School anticipates making up to ten awards in FY19-20, utilizing funds from the Christiansen Estate Endowed Fund and additional funds from the Dean's office for the School's contribution to awards.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Innovation of the research and novelty of the area of research to the PI(s)
- Feasibility of primary hypothesis / importance of purpose of the research
- Approach: Quality of study design, method, data acquisition/analysis
- Investigators: Qualifications to conduct the proposed research
- Potential to lead to extramural funding.
- Resources & Environment: Quality & availability of resources to conduct research

Recommendations for funding will be made by a scientific review committee appointed by the Dean of the Keck School of Medicine, with final approval by the Dean. Contact ailen.dinkjian@med.usc.edu for more information.