Establish in 2015, the Capital Region Medical Research Institute (CRMRI) supports innovative and collaborative approaches to education, research, and medical care, especially in the field of urology. The Institute is designed to bring together scientists and physicians to discover new information about healthcare treatments and practices that will benefit patients and improve outcomes. The Institute Grants Program was funded by a gift generously donated by the former Capital Region Medical Research Foundation, Inc. (CRMRF), an independent nonprofit organization previously established to advance health research in the Capital Region.

Purpose
The Capital Region Medical Research Institute (CRMRI) is pleased to announce the third round of the Research Grants Program to fund Capital Region scientists studying innovative treatments or diagnostics, disease prevention strategies and promotion of population health, with a focus on urological health.

This year our attention turns to trainees. The goal is to provide initial funding to encourage new researchers to develop areas of research related to urological disorders and health.

Eligibility and Allowable Expenses
Only medical residents and fellows and doctoral students* with proposals to study innovative treatments or diagnostics, disease prevention strategies and promotion of population health, with a focus on urological health may apply.

Awards will be payable to an institution, university, fund or equivalent organizational entity. Payment will not be made directly to an individual.

Eligible organizations must be located within one or more of the following New York State counties: Albany*, Columbia, Greene, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington.

Funding is only allowable when used to support specific research activities, e.g. blood tests, genetic tests, data collection, statistical analyses. Salary support is not allowed, however funding for travel to one conference may be requested. Other examples of non-allowable expenses include lobbying, tuition/fees, general office supplies, accounting and rent. The CRMRI grants support only direct expenses, with the expectation that the grantee’s institution will provide indirect support as a donation in kind. A report including the research progress and how the money was spent will be required 14 months after disbursement of funds.

Grant Duration and Amount
For this cycle of funding, requests should be limited to projects lasting one year at a cost not to exceed $10,000. The funding period will (start) on October 1, 2017 and can be shifted later if appropriate approvals are not in place on time.

*UAlbany applicants should contact Dr. Laura Schweitzer LSchweitzer@Albany.edu before starting the application process to confirm their eligibility.
Grant Application Process
Each applicant must provide the following information in a cover letter to go with the application. Grant applications must be prepared using this format and instructions:

Cover letter

- Name of applicant and title of the research proposal
- Applicant’s Title/Degree Program (only medical fellows and residents, and doctoral (e.g., PhD, DrPH, PharmD) students/trainees may apply)
- Applicant’s mailing address, telephone number and email address
- Name of Institution/Department where research will be conducted
- Mentor’s name, title and contact information

The cover letter for the application must also include this statement:
- I certify that if awarded this grant, I will supervise the spending of the funds in a fiduciary manner consistent with the guidelines of the organization I represent and in accordance with the purpose and terms of the grant. I understand that this project must be completed by the date specified in any potential award letter. I will provide the CRMRI with a detailed accounting of how the funds were spent by the date specified in any potential award letter. No additional funds from the CRMRI will be made available to me should I spend in excess of the grant award. All unused monies will be returned to the CRMRI within 60 days of the end of the grant.
- I also understand that annually until the funds are spent or returned, I will be required to present (by a talk or poster) the results of my study at the Capital Region Urological Society meeting and state clearly that the research was supported by funds from the Capital Region Medical Research Institute.

The research proposal section of the application should not exceed 6 pages, with single spacing, at least ½ inch margins on all sides and a font size at least 11. Headings for this section of the application should be:
- Statement of specific aims
- Background, including innovation and research gap being addressed
- Relevant research by the applicant
- Hypothesis (es)
- Study design and methodology
- Plan for analysis of data
- Potential for future studies/grants based on results

Additional documents for the application include the following:
- Budget by basic categories of spending
- Resume (or equivalent)
- Letter of support from the major mentor
- If relevant, letters of support from key project partners

Before disbursement appropriate ethics committee approval must be secured – funding will require appropriate ethical oversight, i.e. IRB approval for human studies, IACUC for animal studies and biosafety approvals as needed.

Applications will only be accepted as a Microsoft Word file or a PDF sent to the following email address: crmri@albany.edu. Applications are due at 5 PM EST July 10, 2017 and will be reviewed by the Research Subcommittee of the CRMRI, with notification of award status by September 8, 2017. Applications that do not meet eligibility, submission, formatting or responsiveness requirements will be administratively withdrawn and will not undergo scientific review.

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