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Call for Research Proposals

The National PKU Alliance (NPKUA) works to improve the lives of individuals and families associated with phenylketonuria (PKU) through research, support, education, and advocacy, while ultimately seeking a cure.

The NPKUA is seeking proposals for pre-clinical, translational, and clinical research projects that investigate all aspects of PKU. The purpose of these awards is:

- to promote and encourage PKU-related research in young investigators,
- to generate preliminary data for innovative topics, and
- to further support existing PKU- related projects.

Eligibility of Applicants

Eligible applicants must have a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degrees and currently hold a full-time position at any level (post-doctoral, research scientist, assistant/associate/full professor, etc.) at an established academic/research institution in the United States. Investigators from centers with a history of research in metabolic diseases are strongly encouraged to apply. **Applicants may request up to \$40,000 for one year with potential for a 2nd year renewal based on availability of funds and progress made during first year.**

Applicants are encouraged to use the funding to support innovative seed or pilot projects to produce preliminary data that would facilitate more substantial funding from federal agencies, foundations, or corporations.

Application Guidelines

Applicants are invited to submit a **full proposal** (4 pages, single-spaced with 0.5" margins using no less than 11 point Arial fonts). Full proposals should include the following:

- summary/abstract of proposed study
- background and rationale,
- hypothesis,
- specific aims,
- brief overview of methods,
- preliminary data (if available),
- interpretation of the expected results, potential pitfalls, and
- bibliography of cited references.

Additional supporting materials should include an NIH-style bio-sketch (not to exceed three pages). Applicants without a faculty appointment (e.g., post-doctoral level) must also submit a letter of support from their project mentor.

In addition, full proposals are required to include an institutional fiscal officer's approved budget. The approved budget description should not exceed one-page, but include a time frame and itemized justification. ***The award requires that funds not be used for the support of institutional indirect or overhead costs.***

Timeline:

Full proposals should be received no later than November 16, 2009.

Proposals will be funded by NPKUA on February 1, 2010 for one year and the submission of a progress report will be required by the end of the 12-month funded period.

Please submit proposal and all additional materials to:

**National PKU Alliance
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Attention: PKU 2010 Research Proposal