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## Request for Research Proposals

Friends of FSH Research is re-issuing our 2016 general call for research proposals. We are now accepting all research proposals that support a path toward a treatment or cure for FSH muscular dystrophy. We will also consider studies which shed light on the [immunology](#) of FSHD.

## Important Dates

- **Grant Deadline:** August 1, 2016
- **SAB Meeting:** September, 2016
- **Feedback/Decisions:** October, 2016

## Instructions

### Step 1:

Contact *Friends* (Terry Colella at [terry@fshfriends.org](mailto:terry@fshfriends.org)) to discuss the scope of your proposal. This will reduce the need to write a separate letter of intent and will speed up the grant writing process.

If this is your first time interacting with our organization:

- 1) We will ask for your background as well as the background of key personnel in your laboratory.
- 2) Review our [contract template](#) and check with your institution to ensure you are able to accept money from us.
- 3) You need to be ready to start if your funding is approved. Once the grant is accepted, your institute will have 2 weeks to initiate the contract. Progress reports will follow every 6 months.

### Step 2:

Login to the [research portal](#) on our website. If you do not been previously given a login, select [Register here](#). To prevent spam and other unwanted applications, you will not have access to the research portal until you have been given a login.

### Step 3:

Once you have access to the research portal, there are five documents you will need to upload these are:

#### 1. *Introduction (1 page max)*

- please note, there is no need to provide an elaborate description of FSHD, only state what is important to your proposal. PLEASE INCLUDE A TITLE FOR YOUR PROJECT AND DATE THE APPLICATION.

#### 2. *Specific aims and deliverables (1 page max)*

- A specific aim should represent about a year of work, and a deliverable should represent about 6 months to align with short progress reports.

#### 3. *Budget (1 page max)*

- Friends does not provide indirect funds. Maximum 5% salary support for principal investigators and staff. Salary support can be requested for graduate students and fellows. Supplies should be pertinent to the proposed project. Include in the budget a very short description of the capacity of the lab to carry out the work. Do you have the personnel and resources to carry out your proposed project?

#### 4. *Research plan (3-page max)*

- Succinct description of preliminary data and the logic of your project. Describe the experiments that you plan to accomplish in sufficient detail and explain how they relate to the milestones and deliverables.

#### 5. *Lay description (500 words max)*

- Upon funding, your lay project description will be published on our website, [www.fshfriends.org](http://www.fshfriends.org).