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Request for Research Proposals

Friends of FSH Research has a 12-year history of investing in research projects that will advance what is known about FSH and help bring us closer to finding a treatment or cure for FSH Muscular Dystrophy.

We are seeking project applications that will continue to advance FSH science and move us toward a treatment.

Important Dates

- **Grant Deadline**   **February 28, 2017**
- **SAB Meeting***   **March 2017**
- **Feedback/Decisions***   **April 2017**

Instructions

Step 1:

Contact us at **ProgressReports@fshfriends.org** to share with us the scope of your grant or your letter of intent. This will help to evaluate the relevance of your proposal to our organizational mission. If we are interested in your project, you will receive a login.

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. We will keep this information on file for your future applications, and keep track of your publications.
2) You need to review our contract template (**http://tinyurl.com/z46dca8**) and check with your institution that you are able to accept money from us.
3) You need to be ready to start if you get funding from us. Once the grant is accepted, your institute will have two weeks to initiate the contract and progress reports will follow every 6 months.

Step 2:

Review our timing: Our scientific advisory board meets bi-annually to discuss research priorities, project updates, and new proposals.
*Exact meeting dates are dependent on scheduling
*Feedback/decisions - we will let you know if we will be moving forward with your project or not. This may involve additional steps, such as scheduling meetings or submitting an addendum to the SAB. It is during this time that we ramp up our due diligence on the submitted project.

Step 3:

Register for our website. To prevent spam and other unwanted applications, you will not have access to the research portal until you have been given a login. (See step 1).

Once you have access to the research portal, there are six parts to the document you will need to upload. These are:

1. *Information Page*
    Date of application
    Applicant's name
    Email address of applicant
    Title of research project
    Institution where study has been approved to be conducted
    Address to which funds are to be sent
    How funding check is to be addressed
    Number of years and budget/year

2. *Introduction (recommended 1 page max)*
    Please note that there is no need to go into an elaborate description of FSHD, only state what is important to your proposal.

3. *Specific aims and deliverables (recommended 1 page max)*
    A specific aim should represent about one year of work, and a deliverable should represent about 6 months of work to align with short progress reports.

4. *Budget (recommended 1 page max)*
    Friends does not provide funding for indirect costs. There is a 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.

5. *Research plan (recommended 3-page max)*
    Include a 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.

6. *Lay description*
    Upon funding, your lay project description will be used online to describe the work.

If you feel there is additional material needed, feel free to append this after the required sections, including references, biosketch, etc.