NSA Innovative Research Program Details (Not being offered in 2020)

Guiding Principles

- NSA grants under the Innovative Research Program are intended to provide well-established investigators with start-up (venture) funding for innovative, emerging, and important new areas of research in the broad field of pulmonary science and medicine. Established fields of research that are supported by traditional funding agencies are not eligible for consideration.

- It is expected that, during the course of an NSA grant (of up to five years), the investigators will capture grants from traditional funding agencies, so that the project becomes self-sustaining by the end of the NSA funding period.

- Renewal of NSA funding beyond the initial grant will not be considered.

- NSA grants may provide funding of up to $1 million over a period of up to five years. The funds can be used to recruit investigators to an established research group and to provide them with initial salary support; for research equipment and operating expenses; and for the support of graduate students and research fellows.

Application Process

- Applications for NSA grants should include a research proposal of up to five pages and a proposed budget for each year of the grant.

- The research proposal should outline the rationale for the project, and should describe its innovative features, importance and timeliness. A detailed review of the literature and detailed research methods and techniques are not required.

- An abbreviated curriculum vitae of each of the investigators is required, including current research funding and a listing of research publications for the last 5 years, but not abstracts or speaking engagements.

- Applications should also include a letter of support from the principal applicant’s university or hospital Dean or Department Head, which should also indicate approval of the proposed budget.

- Applications should be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer (contact information below) in the Fall of a year when the competition is being held. The deadline is on the web site. The Board usually considers the applications at its annual meeting the following spring, after internal and external peer reviews. All applicants are notified by email after that meeting. Funding for successful applicants usually begins in the summer.

- Applications should be accompanied by the application form which is on our web site. They must be submitted electronically, using the form on the website (if you have problems, email the Secretary-Treasurer at the address below). Acknowledgements will be emailed to applicants the week following the deadline.

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