

Request for Applications

SKIN DISEASES RESEARCH CENTER

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The Skin Diseases Research Center (SDRC) is funded by a grant from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. The goal of the Center is to foster translational and basic research in cutaneous biology in the clinical and basic science departments of Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals Case Medical Center and their affiliated institutions. The SDRC funds innovative research on skin diseases and skin biology through its Pilot and Feasibility (P&F) Program.

Eligibility and Conditions

The SDRC plans to support up to five P&F projects for funding for one or two years with an annual budget of \$20,000 each. Projects are supported with the understanding that the P.I. will subsequently apply for NIH or equivalent funding using preliminary data acquired during the P&F project period. Funding for the second year is contingent upon progress and submission of a second application. They must fall into three categories:

- (1) Established investigators in skin diseases or related areas with a proposal for testing the feasibility of a new or innovative idea that is skin disease-related but represents a clear and distinct departure from the investigator's ongoing research interest;
- (2) Established investigators with no previous work in skin disease or related areas who are willing to test the applicability of their expertise on a skin disease-related problem;
- (3) New investigators who have not been principal investigators in a past or current NIH research project grant (R01, R29, and P01) or a current P50 grant. New investigators should be clearly independent and have a faculty appointment higher than that of postdoctoral fellow or research associate.

Application

If you meet the criteria and wish to apply:

- (1) Prepare a 1 page Specific Aims for review by **January 20th, 2010**. Please also include your biosketch.
- (2) Upon review of Specific Aims, a short list of applicants will be invited to present preliminary data and scientific rationale for their proposal at a scientific review session in **February 2010 (Date TBA)**
- (3) Up to 5 applicants from the above group will be invited to prepare a 5-10 page NIH P&F proposal that highlights your novel idea about basic or translational research related to cutaneous biology/skin disease; timeframe for its completion; and plans for seeking independent funding based on this novel idea.
- (4) Selected Proposals will be incorporated into the Competing Renewal of the Skin Diseases Research Center to be submitted **May 1st, 2010** and reviewed by the NIH.

Application materials should be sent to:

SDRC Administrator Minjia Griesser
mag28@case.edu

You May wish to Discuss Your Aims with:

Kevin D. Cooper, M.D., Director (844-3111)
Mahmoud Ghannoum, Ph.D., EMBA, Co-Dir. (844-8313)
Thomas McCormick, Ph.D., Co-Dir. (368-0238)

Or Core Directors:

- Pratima Karnik, Ph.D. (368-0209)
(Cell Culture & Molecular Technology Core)
- Neil Korman, M.D., Ph.D. (844-3622) or
Elma Baron, M.D. (368-4971)
(Translation Research Core)
- Thomas McCormick, Ph.D. (368-0238)
(Animal Experimentation Core)
- Nicole Ward, Ph.D. (368-1111) or
Kord Honda, M.D. (844-1507)
(Morphology Core)



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