Rush Coronavirus Research Fund Awards

Summary

This funding opportunity is intended to solicit proposals that are focused on understanding, responding to, treating, predicting, and preventing illness and outbreaks caused by novel coronaviruses, such as COVID-19, as well as future like viruses. Projects that encompass basic, translational, and/or clinical research are encouraged. These awards provide flexibility for initiating well-defined projects that can realistically be completed in one year or discrete portions of larger projects of similar duration. A wide variety of proposals using a range of approaches are expected.

To enable research to begin rapidly, a streamlined application process will be employed.

It is anticipated that multiple awards will be funded. However, only one application can be submitted per investigator. These awards are non-renewable.

A final progress report will be due on July 2, 2021.

Budget

Funding amount: Each award will be $25,000

Important Dates

Application Period Opens: Friday May 29, 2020
Submission Deadline: Monday, June 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm CST
Notice of Award: July 6, 2020
Period of Performance: 12-months
Progress report: Due July 2, 2021

Required Application Components

The following proposal sections are required: Biosketch, Non-technical Abstract, and Specific Aims (all proposal sections should be combined into a single PDF and uploaded to: https://is.gd/RushCOVID).

- Biosketch – limited to 2 pages (see template).
• **Non-technical Abstract** – limited to 300 words.

• **Specific Aims** – limited to 1 page.
  o *Discuss the COVID-19/Coronavirus-related problem you will address and its broad impact, as well as the specific goals and experimental approaches you will use to address the scientific questions proposed, and the expected outcomes and their significance.*

**Proposal Formatting**

**Format**
  o *Please use 0.5 inch margins and Arial, 11-point font.*

**Streamlined Review Process**

A review panel will consider the overall impact of each application and use standard NIH criteria (Significance, Investigator, Innovation, and Approach) in the review process.

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