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FARA is proud to announce two grant opportunities for Friedreich's ataxia research: The 2010 Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award and The Bronya J. Keats Award for International Collaboration in Research on Friedreich's Ataxia

2010 Kyle Bryant Translational Research Award

The Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) invites proposals, under a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process, to award a grant focusing on pre-clinical and clinical investigations that will advance treatments for Friedreich's Ataxia. We anticipate funding two one-year awards under this program. The total award is limited to \$125,000 (direct costs only) for each.

Program Objectives/Criteria: Proposals should be for pre-clinical/translational or clinical research focused on Friedreich's ataxia with aims targeting one or more of the following:

- Identification of biomarkers for FA that will elucidate disease variability, severity, and prognosis; facilitate drug screening, and/or optimize selection of patients and clinical endpoints for clinical trials. Could center on various approaches such as: *Genetic-based studies, Protein-based studies, Imaging studies, Metabolomics*
- Development of animal or cellular models that permit further evaluation of candidate therapeutics
- Development of tools and technologies that can be directly used for therapy development. Examples include novel gene therapy vectors, genetically-modified cells, drug delivery devices, etc... These tools or technologies should overcome existing obstacles to treatment and be capable of being directly applied to, or adapted for, delivery of potential therapeutics.
- Pre-clinical development and testing of potential targets, biologics, and devices in cells and animals
- Clinical studies of patient outcome measures, potential interventions, or devices

Guidelines: All applications must be received by August 6th, 2010. A letter of intent should be submitted with your title and a few sentences describing the focus of your proposal by July 1st, 2010. All applications should be submitted through FARA's grant website – www.curefa.org/rpmp. On the Main Grant Page of the application please indicate "Kyle Bryant Translational Award" in the RFP field.

Applications will be accepted from for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, and foreign institutions. Budget must be for direct costs only and must not exceed \$125,000. Allowable costs under this award: Laboratory supplies,

reagents, purchase and care of laboratory animals; small pieces of laboratory equipment; salary for the principal investigator, scientific (including postdoctoral fellows) and technical staff (including laboratory technicians). Costs not allowed under this award include: support for travel to scientific and professional meetings usually attended by the investigators, computer hardware or software and indirect costs.

Selection Criteria: All applications will be peer-reviewed and scored based on significance of proposal, approach/methods of the research plan, innovation, investigator/experience, environment/resources and budget. The proposal with the best score will be awarded. Scientific advisors from FARA will oversee the review, decision and notification process.

Timeline:

- Letter of intent: July 1st 2010
- Application/Proposal due date: August 6th 2010
- Award announcement: October 1st 2010
- Grant start date: October 15th, 2010

The Bronya J. Keats Award for International Collaboration in Research on Friedreich's Ataxia

The Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) invites proposals, under a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process, to award a grant focusing Friedreich's ataxia research that relies on international collaboration among scientists. We anticipate funding one, one-year award, under this program. The total award is limited to \$50,000 (direct costs only).

Program Objectives/Criteria: The Bronya J. Keats Award for International Collaboration in Research on Friedreich's Ataxia will be given on an annual basis to investigators performing high-quality, promising Friedreich's ataxia research that relies on international collaboration among scientists.

All awards will be to grant proposals that feature key contributions from investigators in at least two countries. Special consideration will be given to grants that:

- Bring new scientists to the FA community – either new investigators or experienced scientists from related disciplines that bring new insights or technologies to FA.
- Focus on genetic basis of, or mitochondrial dysfunction in FA.
- Address needs of special FA populations (such as individuals with point mutations, Acadian population, etc.).

Guidelines: All applications must be received by July 2nd, 2010. All applications should be submitted through FARA's grant website – www.curefa.org/rpmp On the Main Grant Page of the application please indicate "Keats Award" in the RFP field.

Applications will be accepted from for-profit organizations, non-profit organizations, public or private institutions, and foreign institutions. Budget must be for direct costs only and must not exceed \$50,000. Allowable costs under this award: Laboratory supplies, reagents, purchase and care of laboratory animals; small pieces of laboratory equipment; salary for the principal investigator, scientific (including postdoctoral fellows) and technical

staff (including laboratory technicians). Costs not allowed under this award include: support for travel to scientific and professional meetings usually attended by the investigators, computer hardware or software and indirect costs.

Selection Criteria: All applications will be peer-reviewed and scored based on significance of proposal, approach/methods of the research plan, the collaboration between the investigative teams, environment/resources and budget. The proposal with the best score will be awarded. Scientific advisors from FARA will oversee the review, decision and notification process.

Timeline:

- Application/Proposal due date: July 2nd, 2010
- Award announcement: September 1st 2010
- Grant start date: September 15th, 2010

About FARA

The Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance's (FARA) mission is to marshal and focus the resources and relationships needed to cure FA by raising funds for research, promoting public awareness, and aligning scientists, patients, clinicians, government agencies, pharmaceutical companies and other organizations dedicated to curing FA and related diseases. www.CureFA.org

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