University of Colorado Digestive and Liver Diseases

Pilot / Feasibility and High Impact Awards RFA

LETTER OF INTENT DUE DATE: June 1, 2016

FULL APPLICATION DUE DATE: July 15, 2016

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS and PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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The UCDLD will be accepting applications for

• New pilot and feasibility one-year projects ($25,000; 9/1/16 - 8/31/17)
• New high impact research grants ($50,000; 9/1/16 - 8/31/17).

SCIENTIFIC SCOPE of the Pilot and Feasibility (P/F) Awards Program and the High Impact (H/I) Awards Program:

The goal of the UCDLD P/F program is to promote research aimed at understanding how the innate immune system molds the gastrointestinal and hepatic environment and how these processes influence organ function, mucosal immunity, innate host defense, acute and chronic inflammation, and microbial pathogenesis.

Pilot & Feasibility projects will be considered for support if they relate to this mission. P/F grants are smaller in scope and require less preliminary data. H/I awards are geared to support paradigm shifting research, or research with a high impact on the career development of the applicant.
Eligible projects may be in areas to such as:
• Physiology, cell and molecular biology that relate to innate immune function in the alimentary tract, liver, and pancreas;
• Host-microbe interactions;
• Pathogenesis of infectious diseases;
• Host defense and vaccine development;
• GI and liver carcinogenesis.

Eligibility Requirements:
• Applicants must be at the rank of Instructor or higher;
• Priority will be given to applicants without major NIH funding;
• Applicants from outside of the fields of gastroenterology / hepatology are particularly encouraged to apply.

Guidelines:
• Title page and a 200-word abstract;
• No more than three (3) pages of narrative text addressing the central hypothesis that should include:
  a) Specific aim(s)
  b) Brief background
  c) Innovation, specifically how this work is novel and how extensions of this work could be paradigm-shifting in GI/hepatic disease
  d) Brief experimental design
• NIH format biosketch for all key personnel
• A detailed budget and budget justification. One year budgets are limited to $25,000 for pilot / feasibility grants and up to $50,000 for high impact grants. Funds cannot be used as salary support for the project PI.

Applications will be evaluated by an ad hoc committee composed of senior faculty in the School of Medicine. Complete applications are due July 15, 2016 with a decision announced by August 15, 2016 with a start of funding by September 1 2016.

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