**Department of Medicine Research Awards**

**Overview:**

The goal of this program is to stimulate clinical, basic and translational research in the Department of Medicine. The Department of Medicine will sponsor 2-3 pilot projects annually up to $40,000 each. The program will support both clinical/ quality/ outcomes research as well as more basic research. The intent is to fund sustaining programs of scholarship that will lead to extramural funding and peer reviewed publications, and to assist in the development of junior researchers in the Department. One or more of these awards will be supported by the Buswell fund. While all applications will be considered, weight will be given to junior investigators who are the principal investigator. Senior faculty mentorship is strongly encouraged.

Funds can be used in the most effective way to support the proposal, but should not be used to support the salary of the PI or travel. Salaries for trainees, technicians, co-ordinators and other support staff are allowable.

**Applications:**

The program will solicit applications from the Department of Medicine. All faculty members with a primary appointment in Medicine can apply.

**Submission:**

An initial application of one page, and an NIH biosketch (new format) are due by March 31st. Initial applications will be scored by a team of senior faculty. Meritorious applications will be invited for a full 6 page submission due by June 1st, with funding decisions by June 30th, and a start date of July 1, 2015. Applicants should have the necessary approvals (RSRB, vivarium, etc.) in place for a July start date.

**Grants and Publications:**

The intention is for these pilot project grants to lead to peer reviewed publications and grant applications. Recipients will be asked to provide a brief interim report, and when appropriate, may be asked to present their findings at the end of the funding year at a departmental or divisional conference. .

**Abstract instructions:**

Limited to 1 page in font no smaller than 11 point which includes the following:

1. Project title and names of the PI and co-investigators
2. Specific Aims of the project
3. A brief description of the research plan

Applications should be submitted as one pdf to Caitlin\_Baldwin@urmc.rochester.edu.

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