2024 Catalyst Grant Program

Mentorship Grant Application

Funding Opportunity for Innovative Ideas from All Employees

Catalyst Grants fund projects that enhance translational research, foster innovation, and range in cost and complexity.

**MENTORSHIP GRANT SUMMARY**

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| **Grant Description** | **Funding Amount** | **Timeline** | **Final Deliverables** |
| Involves mentorship from experienced researcher to support an applicant’s professional research development. | $10,000- $25,000 | 12-18 months | * Evidence of research skill development * Plan for future research involvement * Presentation (external) * Publication (highly recommended)   + Abstract   + Manuscript |

**The Mentorship Grant** is intended for individuals who are interested in expanding their research knowledge through structured mentorship while working on a project that impacts patient care. These projects must address a clinical problem or develop a research tool. Their work will be mentored by an experienced researcher, and the goals of this grant are to develop the research skills of the mentee and create a plan for future research activities. Consequently, the mentee will be expected to identify clear and quantifiable mentorship goals and demonstrate evidence of achievement.

**Mentorship Grant Application Instructions**

1. **Every application must include a researcher and non-researcher (clinician or non-clinician).** Applicants do not need to have previous research experience, but must have a research partner. If you need assistance identifying a research partner, please contact Melissa Briody ([mbriody@sralab.org](mailto:mbriody@sralab.org)).
2. The Mentorship Grant Application consists of 6 sections. Please complete all sections with single-spaced Arial 11pt font and follow instructions carefully.
3. Application Resources are available at [www.sralab.org/CatalystGrant2024](http://www.sralab.org/CatalystGrant2024)
4. Applications for all grant types should be submitted as a single PDF file at <https://competitions.fsm.northwestern.edu/grants/CatalystGrant24> **by March 1, 2024, 11:59pm CST.**
5. **Cover sheet**

**Title of project:**

**Grant Applicants**

*Each team member must be identified by their formal role in the organization.*

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| Team Member | SRAlab Position | Department | Role on this project |
| Mentee(s) | | | | |
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| Mentor(s) | | | | |
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| Additional personnel | | | | |
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**Total Funding Amount Requested:**

**Signature of primary mentee:** **Date:**

**Signature of primary mentor:** **Date:**

1. **Research Plan (2-pages maximum; 2a-f)**
2. **Introduction including background information, significance and implications of the project**
3. **Specific aim(s):**
4. **Methods**
5. **Outcomes**
6. **Project timeline**
7. **Plan for final deliverables and dissemination**
   1. **Evidence of acquired research skills**
   2. **Plan for future research involvement**
   3. **External presentation(s)**
   4. **Publication(s) (highly recommended but not required)**

**3. Mentorship Goals (1 pg max)**

* 1. **Identify the primary and secondary mentor(s) if applicable and describe how their areas of expertise will facilitate the mentee’s development of research skills**
  2. **Identify 1-3 training goals that will facilitate mentee’s development of research skills and/or career**
  3. **Estimated schedule to meet with mentor(s)**
  4. **Signed letter of support from mentor (please attach at end of application)**

**4. Literature References**

**5. Budget and justification**

* 1. **Budget template. (Please double click in a cell to make it an editable Excel table.)**



* 1. **Budget Justification**

**6. Biosketch**

**Biographical sketch, resume, or CV for each team member. Biographical sketches must be formatted to NIH requirements. Template and examples are located at** [**http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm)