

**THE EDNA AND FRED L. MANDEL JR. FOUNDATION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE
MANDEL CENTER FOR HYPERTENSION AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS AT DUKE
DUE DATE NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

Background

The Mandel Center for Hypertension and Atherosclerosis at Duke has been established to advance scientific understanding in the areas of hypertension, atherosclerosis, and related cardiovascular diseases. Based on the goals of the Mandel Foundation, our vision for this center is built on our commitment to positively influence research in the fields of hypertension and atherosclerosis by creating an expanding core of established faculty, early career fellows, and students, all focused on pursuing knowledge in these areas.

Grant Program

To promote its mission, the Center is requesting proposals for seed grants from School of Medicine faculty members to support innovative research into the causes and treatment of hypertension, atherosclerosis and related cardiovascular diseases. Funds are available for 3 one-year grants of \$50,000 plus F&A costs at 15%. Funds may be used for salaries, supplies, support of Core facilities necessary for the project, or other relevant expenses to support the proposed studies. The explicit purpose of this Seed Grant program is to encourage new areas of collaborative investigation that will lead to successful applications for external funding from NIH and other agencies in thematic areas relevant to the mission of the Mandel Foundation.

Application

Each proposal will include:

- 1) An executive summary paragraph written in lay person's language plus 1-2 page application covering background, specific aims, research approaches and key references.
- 2) An NIH-style biosketch for the Principal Investigator and other key personnel who will be in the research.
- 3) A brief budget

Review Criteria

Applications will be judged based on the following criteria:

- 1) Innovative scientific approaches.
- 2) Adherence to the goals of the Mandel Foundation.
- 3) Potential that completed studies will lead to larger collaborative grant applications such as RO1s or PPGs.
- 4) Special consideration will be given to those applications that foster new collaborations.

Timeline

Applications are due November 13, 2015 and decisions will be made by within 3-4 weeks of this deadline with the expectation that projects will be initiated upon receipt of funds on January 1, 2016. The grant period will be from January 1 through December 31, 2016. Please send applications *in a single PDF* to Amberly Adams at amberly.adams@duke.edu.

Reporting Requirements

The Investigator(s) and Project Fellow will be expected to participate in a site visit with the Foundation Trustees sometime in the first quarter of 2016. In addition, the Investigator(s) will be expected to prepare a progress report (3-4 pages) for consideration by the foundation in *June 2016* for the foundation's reporting period and a final report at the end of the funding period. Final reports are due February 2017.

Acknowledgement

We expect that publications describing research supported by the Edna and Fred L. Mandel Jr. Foundation will include acknowledgement of such support.