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THE HOPE FUND AWARD

Established and New Investigator Pilot Study Award for
Enhancing Pediatric Cardiac Care for Children in Alabama

The Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama established the Hope Fund Award to promote research in the Pediatric and Congenital Heart disease field.

DESCRIPTION:

To provide financial funding for investigating basic science, translational, clinical, quality improvement, educational, or health disparities research in pediatric and congenital heart disease. Preference will be given to investigators within or outside the heart center who partner and collaborate with a heart center faculty or staff member. While the promise of extramural funding is a factor in the scoring of the grant, it is not an expectation. Potential clinical impact or novel discovery is the primary goal.

GRANT PROCESS AND TIMELINE:

- Submission Date Opens: November 1
- Submission Date Closes: December 1
- Decision Date: January
- Grant period: 1 or 2 calendar years
- Grant amount: No more than \$25,000 per year will be awarded.

SUBMISSION:

Grant submission should be limited to 500 words, double-spaced, and include background research leading up to a hypothesis-driven research question. The submission should also include a project title, primary investigator(s), timeline, analysis plan, and general itemized budget, as well as a statement about how this research could improve and impact the field of pediatric cardiology and congenital heart disease. The submission will be blindly scored by 2-3 investigators, one within the heart center, on a 100-point scale. The score will reflect the importance and impact of research, feasibility, and overall design plan. Applicants will be reviewed by Heart Center medical leadership and review committee.

For questions, please contact Leann Pelliccio, development officer, at leann.pelliccio@childrensal.org



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Please download this application before filling out completely.

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1. TITLE OF PROJECT (<i>Do not exceed 81 characters, including spaces and punctuation.</i>)							
2. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/REQUESTOR				Type of Request (<i>Please check one</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> Established OR <input type="checkbox"/> New Investigator			
2a. NAME (<i>Last, first, middle</i>)				2b. DEGREE(S) (<i>if applicable</i>)			
2c. POSITION TITLE			2d. MAILING ADDRESS (<i>Street, city, state, zip code</i>) E-MAIL ADDRESS:				
2e. DEPARTMENT							
2f. DIVISION				2g. TELEPHONE AND FAX TEL: _____ FAX: _____			
3. Dates of proposed period of support (month, day, year—MM/DD/YY)			4. Costs Requested for Initial Budget Period		5. Costs Requested for Entire Budget Period		
FROM	THROUGH		4a. Direct Costs (\$)	4b. Total Costs (\$)	5a. Direct Costs (\$)	5b. Total Costs (\$)	
8. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE: I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and accept the obligation to comply with the policies, terms, and conditions of the HOPE fund concerning research support and accept the obligation to comply with all such policies, terms and conditions. Electronic signatures are acceptable as long as they comply with https://www.adobe.com/trust/compliance/compliance-list.html							

Signature of Primary Applicant Date

Signature(s) of Division Director/Chair of primary applicant

Name of Applicant (Last, First Middle):

PROJECT SUMMARY (500 word limit):

RELEVANCE (briefly describe the relevance of this project to congenital heart disease):

Please provide names and contact information for three potential Peer Reviewers (internal to UAB or COA but not in your own division):

KEY PERSONNEL:

Name	Organization	Role of Project
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Name of Applicant (Last, First Middle):

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*Not to exceed 5 pages total

DETAILED BUDGET FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD	FROM	THROUGH
DIRECT COSTS ONLY		

List PERSONNEL (*Applicant organization only*)

Use Calendar (Cal), Academic (Aca), or Summer to Enter Months Devoted to Project

Enter Dollar Amounts Requested (*omit cents*) For Salary Requested

NAME	ROLE OF PROJECT	Cal. MONTHS	Acad. Months	Summer Months	INST. BASE SALARY	SALARY REQUESTED	TOTAL

SUBTOTALS →

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CONSULTANT COSTS

EQUIPMENT (*Itemize*)

SUPPLIES (*Itemize by category*)

TRAVEL

PATIENT CARE COSTS

INPATIENT

OUTPATIENT

ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS (*Itemize by category*)

OTHER EXPENSES (*Itemize by category*)

Name of Applicant (Last, First Middle):

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD

\$ _____

**BUDGET FOR ENTIRE PROPOSED PROJECT PERIOD
DIRECT COSTS ONLY**

BUDGET CATEGORY TOTALS	INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD <i>(from Form Page 4)</i>	2 nd ADDITIONAL YEAR OF SUPPORT REQUESTED
PERSONNEL: <i>Salary. Applicants' organization only</i>		
CONSULTANT COSTS		
EQUIPMENT		
SUPPLIES		
TRAVEL		
INPATIENT CARE COSTS		
OUTPATIENT CARE COSTS		
ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS		
OTHER EXPENSES		
DIRECT CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS		
SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS <i>(Sum=Item 8a, Face Page)</i>		
F&A CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS		
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS		

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR ENTIRE PROPOSED PROJECT PERIOD

TOTAL \$

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION. Use continuation pages as needed.

Name of Applicant (Last, First Middle):

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

INSERT PI OR PRIMARY APPLICANTS BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH HERE

USE ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATORS

RESEARCH PLAN

Follow Guidelines for Each Section Below

1. **SPECIFIC AIMS (1/2 page):**
2. **RESEARCH STRATEGY (1 page):**
 - a. **Significance:** Explain how the proposal will address an important problem or critical barrier related to Congenital Heart Disease.
 - b. **Innovation:** Explain how the proposal challenges existing paradigms or clinical practice for Congenital Heart Disease. Address an innovative hypothesis or critical barrier in the field of Congenital Heart Disease.
 - c. **Approach:** Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Include preliminary data, a rationale for experimental design and discuss any potential problems and solutions.
3. **LITERATURE CITED**
4. **LONG TERM GOALS OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT:** What are your future plans if this project is successful?