

GI and Liver



Innate Immune Programs

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FULL APPLICATION DUE DATE: November 15, 2021

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS and PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The GALIIP is accepting applications for new pilot and feasibility one-year projects in the amount of \$25,000.

SCIENTIFIC SCOPE of the Pilot and Feasibility (P/F) Awards Program:

The goal of the GALIIP 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 of the GALIIP. P/F grants are focused in scope and require little or no preliminary data.

Eligible projects should be in the following areas:

- 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
- GALIIP leadership reserves the right to not review applications that are outside the scope of the RFA

Guidelines for Full Application:

- 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. Funds cannot be used as salary support for the project PI.
- Compile all application material into a single PDF

Applications will be evaluated by an *ad hoc* committee composed of senior faculty in the School of Medicine. Complete applications are due November 15, 2021, with earliest notifications of awards by January 1, 2022.

Please e-mail application materials to:

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