



2021 Crnic Grand Challenge Grants Program:

Support for Submissions to NIH INCLUDE Project Funding Opportunities

Purpose

This Request for Applications (RFA) is issued by the Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome to support the submission of grant proposals to the NIH Investigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down syndromE (INCLUDE) Project.

Applicants should have already submitted a grant proposal to NIH in the field of Down syndrome research and be planning to resubmit in response to an INCLUDE Project RFA or Notice of Special Interest (NOSI). Applicants should have notification from NIH that the grant will not be funded and have plans to revise and resubmit an improved proposal addressing concerns raised during peer review by an NIH study section. Grant proposals should propose defined research projects that will further our understanding of key Down syndrome phenotypes or co-morbidities and advance the mission and vision of the Crnic Institute, as well as the INCLUDE Project and the larger Down syndrome research community.

Key Dates

Applications due	November 1, 2020
Decisions communicated to applicants	November 15, 2020
Funding begins	December 1, 2020

Award Information

Awards are up to \$50,000. No budget required. No indirect costs are provided.

Eligibility

- PI(s) must hold the rank of Instructor, Research Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor, or higher at the University of Colorado. Adjunct, Clinical, and non-University of Colorado faculty may apply, but must name a co-PI with eligible rank.
- PI(s) must have already submitted a grant proposal to NIH relevant to Down syndrome.
- PI(s) must be planning to resubmit the referenced proposal to an INCLUDE Project RFA or NOSI by December 1, 2021.

Application Instructions

- Applications are due at 11:59 PM MST on November 1, 2020.
- Application Components should be submitted as PDF documents and include:
 - 1) **Specific Aims and Research Strategy** (compiled as one PDF). Provide a copy of the original Specific Aims (one page) and Research Strategy and Bibliography submitted to the NIH.
 - 2) **Summary Statement**. Provide a copy of the Summary Statement written by the scientific review group and provided by an NIH Program Officer.
 - 3) **Introduction to Application** (one page). The Introduction to Application should respond to the issues and criticism raised in the Summary Statement and summarize substantial additions, deletions, and changes that will be made to the application in preparation for resubmission. The Introduction to

Application should be formatted following all NIH guidelines, which can be found online at: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/amendedapps.htm>.

- 4) **Biosketch(s)** for the PI(s) (compiled as one PDF for multiple PIs). The Biosketch should be formatted following all NIH guidelines, which can be found online at: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>.
- Application Components must be submitted online at: bit.ly/CrnicGrandChallenge
 - The Crnic Institute will keep all Application Components strictly confidential.

Recipient Requirements

Grand Challenge Grant recipients are expected to become active members of the University of Colorado Down syndrome research community, known as the “Crnic Supergroup.” Recipient PIs must agree to:

- attend monthly Crnic Supergroup Meetings, along with any lab members working on the project.
- present research progress reports at 1-2 Crnic Supergroup Meetings per year. Qualified lab members may also present progress reports.
- prepare a formal project presentation for a future Down Syndrome Research Symposium.
- list the Crnic Institute as an academic affiliation (in addition to their home department) on all publications emanating from the work resulting from this grant.
- use these funds solely to support the resubmission of the INCLUDE Project grant proposal described in their application.

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