

SIRF Immersion Workshop and Grant for Federal Funding

PURPOSE

The ***SIRF Immersion Workshop and Grant for Federal Funding*** is designed to assist the mid-level and experienced investigator in submitting a well-written, competitive, major funding proposal to the federal government. A successful recipient of this award will typically have an established research record and preliminary data that are judged to be sufficient for integration into a competitive application to the NIH or a similar federal agency. The recipient will also have to commit to attend a 3-day immersion workshop where improvements, revisions and finalization of the proposal will be done in a small work-group environment, with expert assistance of on-site grant consultants. This grant is **not intended** to support individual scientific research, but to give immediate resources to an established researcher to synthesize and write a quality proposal that would have an increased chance of receiving funding from a federal granting agency.

AWARD

Grant funding would cover the costs of workshop attendance, including travel, lodging, meals, and other costs of the workshop. Also, a restricted stipend of up to \$2000 would be provided to the participant to support the costs of final proposal submission.

ELIGIBILITY

Grants are available to full-time interventional radiology faculty with an MD, DO, PhD, or equivalent degree in educational institutions within the United States and Canada. The applicant has to serve as the principal investigator (PI) or a co-principal investigator (co-PI) on the proposal. Applications from **non-members** of Society of Interventional Radiology members will be considered, but such applications must include an SIR member with a significant role in the proposal being prepared for submission.

Applications will be accepted from citizens of the United States or Canada or those who otherwise satisfy the requirements for submission of their

proposal to the federal granting agency.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants should submit a one page abstract including the specific aims for their proposal. A statement describing how much of the proposal has already been written should be included. For example, a proposal that has already been reviewed / scored by a federal funding agency and is now being prepared for resubmission with revisions may be considered 80-90% completed. However, a new proposal which is being submitted for the first time may be less complete at the time of application to this Workshop.

A letter from the department chair or equivalent must be provided that indicates the department's commitment to allow adequate time for the applicant to attend the *SIRF Immersion Workshop and Grant for Federal Funding*.

The application must be submitted electronically at <http://www.tfaforms.com/206374> by September 14. Applications must be submitted in PDF format. Incomplete applications and those submitted after the deadline of September 14 will not be reviewed.

AWARD GUIDELINES

Successful recipients will attend a three day workshop in Washington, DC in November 2011. Travel expenses, including airfare, lodging, and meals will be covered by the award. Additionally, a restricted stipend of up to \$2000 will be provided to the participant to support the costs of final proposal submission.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Funding decisions will be based on the following criteria: scientific merit, the quality of the research proposal, relevance to interventional radiology, the qualifications of the applicant, and adequacy of the resources

available to do the work. Additionally, proposals that are judged to be closer to their final form and submission to the federal funding agencies will have an advantage over those that are less developed. Applicants will be notified in writing of the final funding decision.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The successful applicant will have the costs of the ***SIRF Immersion Workshop and Grant for Federal Funding*** paid by this award. A \$2,000 stipend can also be used for the resources at the individual applicant's institution to pay for the cost of administrative and financial costs needed to submit the final proposal.

REPORTS

1. An interim progress report is required within six months after completion of the workshop. This report should state the date the final proposal was submitted, state the direct and indirect costs of the proposal and list the federal agency and the funding mechanism under which the proposal was submitted.
2. A final report is required within 12 months after the workshop, stating the priority score or equivalent that the proposal received. If the proposal was unscored / triaged, the report should state this. If the proposal was recommended for funding, the anticipated start date should be stated.

MODIFICATION OR TERMINATION OF SUPPORT

SIR Foundation reserves the right to modify or terminate the amount of any funds granted under the terms of the ***SIRF Immersion Workshop and Grant for Federal Funding***. Generally, such action would be based on the awardee's receipt of support from sources other than SIR Foundation which might (1) limit the ability of the recipient to successfully complete the terms of the award or (2) obviate the recipient's need for funding from SIR Foundation.

GRANT APPLICATION FORMAT

All the items detailed below must be included in the application before it will be considered.

- A. Proposal title
- B. One page abstract including specific aims
- C. Name, faculty position, academic rank, and department of principal investigator and/or co-principal investigator
- D. Anticipated submission date and funding agency.
- E. A letter from the department chair that indicates department's commitment in allowing adequate time for the applicant to attend the workshop.
- F. Signatures of principal investigator and department chair

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