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APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE DATE: December 15, 2006

The Lung Cancer RFA is applicable for the 2005, 2006, and 2007 funding cycles.

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PURPOSE OF THIS RFA

SIR Foundation has identified lung cancer as an emerging research priority and invites applications for research projects in this area. Investigators may submit an application for the Pilot Research Grant, the Dr. Ernest J. Ring Academic Development Grant, or the Academic Transition Grant under this RFA. Special consideration will be given to applications to these programs that are responsive to this RFA.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

Applications will be considered responsive to this RFA if they:

Relate to interventional therapies utilizing image guided interventions. This includes ablative technologies as well as catheter directed therapies. Any application which seeks to develop pilot data on minimally invasive image guided therapies directed towards the treatment of primary and/or metastatic cancers of the lung will be considered responsive. Studies which include an evaluation of systemic therapies in conjunction with locally directed therapies will be considered responsive as well but studies of systemic therapies alone will not. Studies that evaluate imaging related to image guidance, real time efficacy evaluation, or follow-up of image guided interventions will be considered responsive but the correlation with the assessment of the image guided therapy must be made clear in the application.

MECHANISMS OF SUPPORT

Applications may be submitted for the Pilot Research Grant, the Dr. Ernest J. Ring Academic Development Grant, or the Academic Transition Grant. Guidelines for each of these programs are available on the SIR Web site at

http://www.sirfoundation.org/grant_programs.shtml

PROJECT PERIOD

Applications accepted for funding via the Pilot Research Grant or the Academic Transition Grant will be approved for one year. Applications accepted for funding via the Dr. Ernest J.

Ring Academic Development Grant will be approved for one year and may be extended for a second year, following additional reporting by the investigator and approval by the Grant Review Sub-committee.

ELIGIBILITY

SIR Foundation grants are available to full-time interventional radiology faculty and trainees with a M.D., D.O., Ph.D., or equivalent degree in educational institutions within the United States and Canada. Applications from non-SIR members will be considered, but such grants are required to have significant input and involvement by an SIR member. For specific eligibility requirements, please refer to the guidelines for the Pilot Research Grant, the Dr. Ernest J. Ring Academic Development Grant or the Academic Transition Grant.

PEER REVIEW PROCESS AND REVIEW CRITERIA

Completed applications will be distributed to the members of the SIR Foundation grant review study section, and two members will be assigned as primary reviewers based on their expertise in the particular area of the proposed investigation. All applications will be discussed and funding decisions will be made during a meeting of the study section to be held at the SIR annual scientific meeting. Funding decisions will be based on the following criteria: scientific merit, the innovative quality of the research proposal, relevance to interventional radiology, the qualifications of the applicant, and adequacy of the resources available to do the work. Applications for the Pilot Research Grant, the Dr. Ernest J. Ring Academic Development Grant, or the Academic Transition Grant that are responsive to this RFA will be given special consideration. In addition, letters of support from industry and/or memorandums of understanding with collaborators will be taken into consideration. Applicants will be notified in writing of the Grant Review Sub-committee's final funding decision after the SIR annual scientific meeting.

WHERE TO SEND APPLICATIONS

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