

## Call for Proposals

### **The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health Young Investigator Award Program - Children with Special Health Care Needs 2012-2013**

The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health is pleased to announce a Young Investigator Award Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs (YIA-CSHCN). The program will support three young investigators a year to conduct research on the care of children with special health care needs (CSHCN). The goal is to help pediatric investigators early in their career to develop new and innovative ideas in the care of CSHCN.

The program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to pediatric fellows and junior faculty who are no more than five years out from completion of all training for research related to chronic illness care in children. Proposed research projects will focus on ideas that are generalizable across all CSHCN. These projects may target a particular sub-population of CSHCN with the proviso that the research results are generalizable across all CSHCN. Possible topic areas include but are not limited to:

- Transitions, e.g. hospital to home or adolescence to adult
- Referral management
- PCP and specialist co-management of chronic illness
- Team-based care of children with chronic illness and their families
- The development and implementation of care plans
- The use of risk adjustment to provide tiered care
- Palliative care
- Ethnographic exploration of the child and family experience
- Promotion of self-management and care
- Home care

All projects should be designed to be completed in one year. Preference will be given to new investigators whose proposals have the potential to lead to future studies or development of system innovations in the care of CSHCN. Grantees will be encouraged to submit abstracts of their research to the region IX and X Academic Pediatric Association meeting and the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting. All grant proposals must come from individuals who reside in California.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Application to the YIA-CSHCN program is in two phases.

**Phase 1 Application** – Applicants should submit the following:

- A two-page proposal describing the research project, including background, methods, evaluation/analysis plan, significance of the study and an estimated budget and budget justification. This should not include overhead costs, salary support for mentors, or equipment for long term use such as computers. Up to \$1,000 can be allocated to travel to the regional APA meeting or the annual PAS meeting.

- A biographical sketch using the standard NIH Biosketch form. For this purpose, the biosketch should not exceed two pages. The biosketch does not count toward the two-page limit.
- A Letter of Support from a project faculty/research mentor who is local and able to supervise the grantee in his/her research project. A typed signature on the letter is acceptable if an e-signature is not available.

These proposals will be scored and ranked by the project Advisory Committee members according to preset criteria. For each proposal, there will be one primary reviewer and two secondary reviewers. Each primary reviewer will provide feedback to the applicant for both selected and unselected proposals.

**The deadline for proposal submission is 12 p.m. Pacific Time March 12, 2012. PI's will be notified by March 26 whether or not they have been invited to submit a full proposal.**

**Phase 2 Application** – When a full proposal is requested, applicants should submit:

- A cover sheet indicating the project title, PI name, degree and academic position, and contact information including institutional affiliation, mailing address, email address and telephone number.
- A proposal narrative of up to 10 double-spaced pages, including specific aims, background, preliminary studies (if applicable), detailed methods, evaluation/analysis plan, key personnel, and a detailed budget and budget justification.
- All proposals should use a font no smaller than Arial 11 and have 1” margins.

These proposals will be scored and ranked by the Advisory Committee members according to the preset criteria. For each proposal there will be one primary reviewer and two secondary reviewers. Each primary reviewer will provide feedback to the applicant for both selected and unselected proposals.

**The deadline for submission of the full proposal is 12 p.m. Pacific Time May 19, 2012. PI's will be notified of decisions by June 4.**

Awards will be made with the understanding that the project will begin by July 1, 2012. All awardees will also be required to submit a progress report by December 1, 2012. Awardees are encouraged to submit abstracts to the APA region IX and X meeting and the annual PAS and to submit manuscripts for publication in a peer reviewed journal.

This request for proposals and related material are available on the website of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health: <http://www.lpfch.org/programs/cshcn/>.

Questions and proposals should be submitted electronically to:

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