BETHELDA, MD – January 23, 2018 – On behalf of the American Pancreatic Association (APA) and the National Pancreas Foundation (NPF), we are pleased to announce the inaugural 2018 cycle of the APA-NPF Joint Grant Program in Pancreatitis. One of the fundamental goals of the APA’s mission is to attract and retain the next generation of scientist in the field of basic and clinical pancreatology. Recently, it has become alarmingly clear that the number of young investigators with research interests in pancreatitis has diminished, despite the fact that acute pancreatitis has become one of the leading causes of gastrointestinal disease related hospitalizations. This new APA-NPF joint grant program has been created to simulate pancreatitis research by allowing young investigators to initiate independent projects.

The award: In the first cycle of the program, we plan to fund one meritorious grant application for 2 years with $100,000 annually ($200,000 total direct costs; no indirect costs allowed). The deadline for applications is March 31, 2018. A grant review panel appointed by the APA board will evaluate and score the applications. The expected start date for funding is July 1, 2018.

Eligibility: The proposals should directly address questions in basic, experimental or translational pancreatitis research. Investigators should be in the early stages of their career; senior post-doctoral researchers, instructors, research associates and assistant professors (including clinical and research track faculty) are invited to apply. A mentoring plan should be included. The applicant must be a member of the APA in good standing. Multiple principal investigator applications are not accepted.

Application format: Use letter size page with at least 0.5-inch margins and 11 point Arial font. Face page should contain title (not to exceed 75 characters with spaces included), applicant’s information and a short abstract (300 words limit). Research plan should be organized along NIH structure (3 pages limit; 0.5 page for Specific Aims and 2.5 pages for Research Strategy). Include the following supporting information: References Cited (1 page limit). Vertebrate Animals (if applicable, 1 page limit), Protection of Human Subjects (if applicable, 1 page limit). Investigator’s NIH Biosketch, Mentor’s NIH Biosketch, Mentoring Plan, Letter of Support from division chief or department chair (1 page limit) and Budget Justification (1 page limit).

Signature from institutional representative is not required for the initial submission. The application process will utilize the just-in-time mechanism and all regulatory approvals (animal research, human research, institutional approval) should be submitted after the grant has been selected for funding. Please note that this grant program does not provide indirect (F&A) cost reimbursement.

Application (in PDF format) should be emailed to apa@miami.edu by March 15, 2018
About The National Pancreas Foundation
Founded in 1997, the National Pancreas Foundation provides hope for those suffering from pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer through funding cutting-edge research, advocating for new and better therapies and providing support and education for patients, caregivers and healthcare professionals. The NPF is the only foundation dedicated to patients suffering from all forms of pancreas disease. For more information visit: www.pancreasfoundation.org

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