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***Researchers Startup Funds Program  
Application Form***

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**Complete the following information:**

## **I. Candidate\***

**Researcher Name/Title:**

**Current Employment Title:**

\* Include a CV or biographical sketch of the candidate

## **II. Career Research and Plan**

Provide a statement of the candidate's research career interests and a concise plan including:

- Summary of candidate's major scientific achievements and publications
- Describe how major accomplishments have advanced the candidate's field
- Proposed research and long-range goals
- Specific activities and milestones that will sustain the candidate's outstanding performance and the capacity to address relevant research problems
- Details of the candidate's proposed effort on activities that will enhance training or public understanding of science,
- If applicable, industry collaborations that could promote technology transfer and create opportunities to build a knowledge-based economy

## **III. Involvement in Science Education**

Describe the current involvement of the candidate in science education (including training, mentoring, projects and collaborations).

## **IV. Institutional Environment**

The Academic Institution must document the following:

- Description of Research Program, plans for program's development, and how the candidate fits with these plans
- Statement of the research program's commitment related to the candidate's area of research interest
- Statement of commitment to the candidate's research career, including mentoring and research career development plans
- Statement to ensure the feasibility of the proposed research plans, by describing the availability of and access to laboratory space, industry partners, clinical populations,



and other resources as deemed appropriate and necessary for the specific recruitment.

- Statement of proposed actions to ensure that the candidate will be able to devote at least 75%- 100% of his/her full-time professional effort to research activities.

## V. Budget

Provide a detailed budget for each year (\$300,000 maximum per year) of requested funding and a cumulative budget for no more than five years (\$900,000 maximum for the total grant) beyond the initial appointment for the position. Funds are not renewable, but they also do not expire (if the researcher does not use the funds immediately, they can be allocated for later use). No-cost extensions may be awarded beyond the period of the award.

Allowable costs include:

- Up to 50% salary and fringe benefits for the PI. Cost sharing of at least 50% is required from the Institution for salary and fringe benefits.
- Expenditures for laboratory operations, including salaries and benefits for lab personnel, research supplies including specialized reagents, animal costs, minor equipment purchases (less than \$5,000 per item), service agreements on equipment, research-related support services, and travel expenses (up to \$5,000/year per individual) related to the research program.
- Laboratory Relocation expenses. Expenditures in this category are only permitted in the first grant year and will be paid as reimbursements following submission of receipts.
- Major research equipment (moveable equipment costing more than \$5,000 per item) necessary for conducting the proposed research. Institutional commitment (including donor commitment) for matching funds must be indicated.
- Other costs necessary for the research program

## VI. Letters of Reference

Provide at least 3 letters of reference in support of the candidate's nomination for the award. These letters should be solicited from knowledgeable and recognized experts from outside the applicant institution. Letters should address the scientific contributions of the candidate and assess prospects for the PI's future research.

*Note: Applications that are complete and responsive to the award program will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit by an external peer review group convened by the Trust*

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