**Deadlines:**

- Internal Application: October 1, 2020
- Full Application: December 1, 2020

**Estimated Award Amount:** $250,000 (initial direct costs)

**JHU Nomination Limit:** 1

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**Opportunity Summary:**

The NIDDK is proposing the establishment of the Liver Cirrhosis Network through this FOA which is seeking Clinical Centers; and in conjunction with RFA-DK-20-004 seeking a single Scientific Data Coordination Center, in order to promote clinical and translational research on cirrhosis of the liver in adults.

To accelerate the purpose of this FOA through the establishment of the Liver Cirrhosis Network, the NIDDK is proposing two broad approaches to be undertaken. First is the establishment of a Longitudinal Cohort of patients with cirrhosis. Second is the development and implementation of an intervention trial using an HMG-coenzyme A reductase inhibitor (“statin”). All studies undertaken by the Liver Cirrhosis Network will be performed with adult subjects. The findings and results emanating from these two approaches should advance the understanding about the pathophysiological mechanistic aspects of liver fibrosis from both pro- and anti-fibrotic processes; improve the assessment of clinical risk factors associated with advancement or recession of liver fibrosis; an opportunity to assess noninvasive measures of liver fibrosis and cirrhosis in conjunction with clinical measures; and determine the safety and efficacy of statin therapy in preventing disease progression and adverse clinical outcomes of cirrhosis.

Clinical Centers will be responsible for developing primarily the NIDDK protocol concepts and other new protocols pending availability of Network resources, participating in their overall development, conducting the research, and disseminating research findings. For each investigational or therapeutic protocol, one CC will take the lead responsibility in conjunction with a protocol development subcommittee for drafting the protocol, although the Steering Committee will provide input and will be responsible for assuring development of a common protocol to be implemented by all of the Liver Cirrhosis Network CCs. The CC PD/PI leading the development of the protocol will also provide protocol oversight and management if implemented as a Liver Cirrhosis Network study.

**Eligibility & Requirements:**

All CC PDs/PIs will be strongly encouraged to fully commit their center resources and efforts to the Network protocols. With the advent of electronic medical record (EMR) systems, it is desirable that CCs will be able to efficiently utilize their EMR for efficient screening of patient candidates for participation in the Liver Cirrhosis Network.

**Internal Nomination Process:**

Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins)  
   (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

Questions? Comments? Email the Research Development Team at resapp@jhu.edu.