Request for Proposals for Collaborative Research Projects

Diana Helis Henry Medical Research Foundation and Adrienne Helis Malvin Medical Research Foundation

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Institute for Cell Engineering is soliciting proposals to conduct collaborative, Parkinson’s Disease-related research with the Diana Helis Henry Medical Research Foundation and Adrienne Helis Malvin Medical Research Foundation. The primary goal of this collaborative research opportunity is to foster fundamental, discovery driven biomedical research that may lead to target validation, new target identification and/or drug development. Whereas projects may contain a drug development aim, they should not focus solely on drug development. The Helis medical research foundations encourage risk taking and value the premise, hypothesis/idea of the project over the extent of preliminary data.

Submitted projects will be subject to an internal review. Those ranked most highly in this round of review will also receive external review by the Helis Medical Research Research Advisory Council. Projects will be considered for two to three years of collaboration and may request up to $200,000 total cost per year. The total cost is inclusive of rent paid to JHU for identified laboratory space and 15 percent indirect costs.

Investigators who are interested in applying for Helis medical research foundation collaboration may contact Dr. Ted Dawson via email tdawson@jhmi.edu to address any scientific questions. Since there are unique administrative aspects to this sponsored research mechanism, please contact Nikia Whorley njohnso8@jhmi.edu for administrative and/or budgetary guidance.

Projects must be submitted using the application form, which is available using the following link. A sample budget is also available.

Deadline for final project submission is Monday November 1, 2021. Please email applications to Dr. Jennifer Roshek at jrosheki@jhmi.edu. Following oral presentations by the PIs of the projects selected as finalists to representatives from the Helis medical research foundation (date to be determined), those chosen for collaboration will begin on or around October 1, 2022.

Please note: Principal investigators of funded projects, or their designee if the principal investigator is out of town, are required to attend and provide updates at the monthly Helis project seminar series. In addition, it is expected that the principal investigator will attend Helis sponsored activities.