HARTMAN CENTER 2016 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

*** DEADLINE May 23, 2016 ***

Background:

In 2013 the Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson’s Research established the Thomas Hartman Center for Parkinson’s Research in the Department of Neurobiology & Behavior. Parkinson’s disease affects multiple aspects of a patient’s life. In addition to motor impairments, Parkinson’s disease causes cognitive deficits, depression, sleep & respiratory disorders, bladder dysfunction and sensory problems. The purpose of the Center is to support research pertinent to the causes, pathology and treatment of Parkinson’s disease with the ultimate goal of developing novel therapeutic approaches and finding a cure. Accomplishing these goals requires engaging investigators with different backgrounds and approaches to turn their research toward understanding Parkinson’s disease.

Call:

In 2016 - similar to 2013-2015 - the Center will award two types of projects: Pilot & Starter Awards. PLEASE USE THE OFFICIAL 2016 APPLICATION FORM

Successful applications will propose research directly targeted to Parkinson’s disease and may involve basic biomedical and/or translational research approaches. Priority will be given to proposals that enable investigators to demonstrate the feasibility of their ideas while generating preliminary data necessary to obtain future external funding. We are eager to attract new investigators into the field of Parkinson’s disease research.

Award Types:

PILOT AWARDS provide a maximum of $50,000 in direct costs per year. These awards can be extended to two years subject to the board’s review of progress and attainment of specific benchmarks within the first year.

STARTER AWARDS In addition to Pilot awards the board will also consider applications for small Starter Awards (<10K). The Starter Award funding is for a set of reagents, small equipment or similar low cost investments that would be of help to generate data for a Pilot application. Again, relevance to Parkinson’s is mandatory and must be addressed in the application.

Application for continuance of 2015 Pilot awards are due at the same time as regular applications and should use the same format as new Pilot awards with the addition of a one page progress report.

Restrictions and conditions:

- Applicants for either Pilot or Starter Awards must be full time SBU faculty.
- Only one application will be considered from each Principal Investigator.
- Applications from collaborating groups (with a designated PI) are welcome.

- Funds may not be used for faculty salary, travel expenses, membership fees or journal subscriptions.
- Support for students to attend and present their Parkinson’s related research is capped at $1,000.
- Publication fees will be funded if (and only if) the SBU Hartman Center for Parkinson’s disease is explicitly acknowledged.
(The University takes indirect costs of 15%.)

** ALL GRANT RECIPIENTS are required to participate the Annual Hartman Center Symposium **
with other Hartman Center awardees, members of the SBU community interested in Parkinson’s disease, members of Thomas Hartman Foundation and Center, and invited speakers prominent in the field of Parkinson’s disease research.

**Application materials:**

An electronic copy (PDF format) of the completed application as per the instructions on the official application form, must be submitted by May 23, 2016 to Catherine Costanzo (catherine.costanzo@stonybrook.edu).

Proposals will be reviewed promptly by the Hartman Center Review Board and select proposals will be chosen for oral presentation to the review committee. NOTE: If you are chosen for an oral presentation this is a required step to be considered a finalist for an award.

Oral presentations (on request) and Final Award decisions will take place in mid June and funding will commence as soon as possible thereafter.