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Re: SAMUEL AND EMMA WINTERS FOUNDATION

Dear Colleague,

Applications are now being solicited for the Samuel and Emma Winters Foundation. The Foundation annually awards eight to nine grants (average of \$10K) for **biomedical research** to investigators in the greater Pittsburgh area. These awards are for a maximum of one year and are intended for junior faculty members, although senior investigators who develop new research directions may receive the Foundation's consideration. Research Associates and Fellows are not eligible unless they have been guaranteed a faculty appointment as of July 1, 2026. The period of the grant is September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027.

This year, the Foundation will fund proposals that outline plans for a single experiment that will be catalytic for furthering the PIs ability to garner a larger extramural grant. This could include, but is not limited to, measurement of multi-omics, development of a new murine model, or funds for analysis of a large data set. The proposal will be evaluated on the scientific merit of the experiment as well as the description of how the resulting data will significantly advance the PIs research program and future grant applications.

Please distribute this announcement to the appropriate faculty within your department. Proposals that have been received by the deadline will be forwarded to the members of the Winters Foundation Grants Review Committee. **The deadline for submission is Friday, August 7, 2026.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Steps 1-5 should be compiled as a single PDF

1. A **research proposal** directed towards a general scientifically literate audience not to exceed one (1) page. Arial 11 point should be used with 1-inch margins. The proposal should outline plans for a single catalytic experiment that will provide data to advance future extramural grant applications. Please include the following: Name, Institution, Academic Title, Project Title, Background of project and Preliminary Data (optional), Experimental Design, anticipated results and a plan to use the results for future funding. The scope of the proposed work should be consistent with budget and duration of the grant.

2. Works Cited

3. **Detailed budget** for direct costs only. The Foundation does not pay indirect costs.

4. **NIH-style biosketch** including any current, previous, or pending support with dollar amounts and % effort listed.

5. **For Research Associates only:** A letter of support from the Department Chair verifying a guaranteed faculty appointment with a start of July 1, 2026, is required. This is only required if you are applying as a Research Associate.

Applications should be submitted to chairoff@pitt.edu.

PROGRESS REPORT

The progress report is due 3 months following the completion of the grant period, on November 1, 2027. It should be sent via email to chairoff@pitt.edu.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS AWARD AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Please contact The DOM Chair's Office at chairoff@pitt.edu for additional information regarding applications for this grant.

Sincerely,

The Winters Foundation Grants Review Committee