

QBI
BOLD & BASIC
GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS
\$1.1 M RFA

Call for Proposals

QBI, in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, the Cancer Center, and the Quantitative Biosciences Consortium (QBC), is announcing a \$1.1 M RFA aimed to more effectively connect the **basic** and **clinical** research worlds at UCSF through two funding mechanisms, **BOLD & BASIC GRANTS** and **FELLOWSHIPS**.

BOLD & BASIC GRANT

We will award four **\$225,000 BOLD & BASIC GRANTS** over two years to support pilot projects involving both **basic** and **clinical** research. Two awards will be given to psychiatric/neuroscience research and two to cancer research. We encourage original, **bold** studies to address a key problem in psychiatry/neuroscience or cancer that would be unlikely to be supported through conventional grants.

The BOLD & BASIC GRANT will be reviewed in a two-step process:

Step 1: Submission

The initial submission will consist of a two-page proposal outlining the key question, why it is important, how it will be addressed and a brief explanation of why it would be hard to get funded by NIH. One additional page of figures (including legends) and one page of references will be permitted.

Step 2: Idea Pitch

Eight finalists will be invited to pitch their ideas in a 10-minute public UCSF presentation in front of the panel followed by Q& A. The review panel will look for **bold** ideas and support original ideas to fund studies that may have a significant effect psychiatry/neuroscience disorders or cancer through **basic** research. Winners will be announced at an event at bar **Oda** following the presentations.

Application Instructions

Step 1:

Applications are limited to two pages (11-pt Arial font, 1/2-in margins, single spaced), with an additional one page for figures and legends and one page for supporting references. Preliminary data are not required. Justification of why this work would not be funded by more traditional means such as NIH should be included.

Applications should be sent to admin-qbi@ucsf.edu

Any Graduate Student, PostDoc, or Investigator of UCSF may apply for this award.

Ideas will be judged on the following criteria:

- At least two investigators involved
- Psychiatric/neuroscience relevance or Cancer relevance
- Special attention to those combining psychiatry/neuroscience and cancer
- Boldness of approach and idea
- Will affect or influence a new direction in a given research field

Step 2:

Presentations to a panel will be ten minutes in length, with a Q&A session, in front

of a public UCSF audience. At this time, a preliminary budget will be required - PI salary support is not allowed.

Timeline

May 12, 2017 - First-round applications due

June 2, 2017 - Notification of first-round selection

June 9, 2017 - Second-round Pitch Event and Selection Award

June 15, 2017 - Award start date

BOLD & BASIC FELLOWSHIPS

We will also award four **\$50,000** fellowships to help pay for a student/post doctoral fellow that will work jointly between a basic and a clinical scientist. The clinical component for both could involve incorporating clinical information, interpretation of patient derived mutations or work related to treatment outcome.

Application Instructions

Applications are limited to a one page (11-pt Arial font, 1/2-in margins, single spaced) description of the proposed work, the labs involved and the individual that will be jointly working between the PIs and how their efforts will help connect the research of the two groups.

Only one of the applicants needs to be affiliated with a graduate program.

The applications will be **due May 12, 2017**, and judged by a panel; no interview process will take place. The winners will be announced at the **BOLD & BASIC GRANT** reception.

The deadline for all applications is [May 12, 2017](#).