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**CIRM CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY for
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The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) is committed to maintaining confidentiality during the grant review process to protect the interests of the applicants and to encourage candor on the part of the reviewers as to the scientific and medical value of the applications being reviewed. Applicants provide confidential information to the CIRM as part of their applications and it is the obligation of those participating in the review to safeguard this information.

According to CIRM policy, Working Group members must not disclose the identity of applicants and institutions that they consider. The principal investigator's name and institution, the project title and abstract will be made public for funded grants, but the contents of the applications, even in funded grants, remain confidential for the protection of the applicants.

The applications and proposals and associated materials made available to Facilities WG members, as well as the discussions that take place during the closed session of the Facilities WG review meetings, are strictly confidential and must not be disclosed to or discussed with any individual who has not been officially appointed to participate in the review process. Facilities WG members are not to discuss the identity of the applicants, the contents of the applications or the Working Group discussions with anyone other than Working Group members or CIRM review personnel. If you wish to discuss a technical matter related to an application with a colleague who is not on the Working Group, please do not contact the person directly. Rather, notify the Facilities Grants Review Officer who will review the request and contact the person directly if appropriate.

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