

## Early Translational IV

### RFA 12-07: CIRM Early Translational IV Research Awards

The CIRM Early Translational Research Initiative aims to fund and advance potentially transformative stem cell therapies towards IND-enabling preclinical and clinical development. The Early Translational IV Research Awards RFA will support projects that perform the initial stage of translational research including the conduct of studies resulting in proof of concept for a potential development candidate (a Development Candidate Feasibility Award or DCF) and/or studies to select a Development Candidate (DC). The Early Translational Research Award is core to CIRM's mission, and the agency plans to issue this RFA every one to two years to build a strong preclinical pipeline for patient therapies and cures.

This RFA includes participation by members of CIRM's Collaborative Funding Partner (CFP) Program. Appendices D-H describe additional requirements and procedures for applicants whose proposals include a request for funding from a CFP.

Please see the RFA for full details:

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(Amended 9.21.12 - NHMRC is not participating in this RFA)

- Appendix A: In-Scope Activities and Sample Milestones
- Appendix B: CIRM's Translational Portfolio
- Appendix C: CIRM Loan Terms
- Appendix D: NIH (US)
- Appendix E: Withdrawn
- Appendix F: MOST/Tonji (China) Appendix F: MOST/Tonji (China)
- Appendix G: BMBF (Germany) (Submission deadline amended 10.19)
- Appendix H: InSTEM (India)

## Application Process

Submission of an application for the CIRM Early Translational IV RFA involves a two-step process. An eligible PI may submit one Preliminary Application (PreApp). PreApps will be evaluated by scientific specialists from outside California who are experts in specific areas of research described in the PreApp and by CIRM scientific staff, based on the scientific review criteria described in section X of this RFA. Applicants whose projects are judged as most promising, competitive, and responsive to the RFA will be invited to submit a full application. All other applicants will be deferred, with the opportunity to apply in response to a future RFA.

## Preliminary Application (PreApp) Instructions

PreApps must be submitted online via the CIRM Grants Management Portal at [https://grants.cirm.ca.gov/login/upgrade\\_browser](https://grants.cirm.ca.gov/login/upgrade_browser).

Each PI may submit only a **single PreApp for this RFA**.

The deadline for submission is 5:00 pm (PDT) on October 26, 2012. No exceptions to this deadline will be made.

To submit a Preliminary Application:

1. Go to the Grants Management Portal ([https://grants.cirm.ca.gov/login/upgrade\\_browser](https://grants.cirm.ca.gov/login/upgrade_browser)) and log in with your existing CIRM Username and Password. If you do not have a Username, Click on the "New User" link and follow the instructions to create a CIRM Username and password.
2. After logging in, look for the section labeled "RFAs and Programs Open for Applications". Click on the "Start a Preliminary Application" link corresponding to the "Early Translational IV Research Awards RFA: Preliminary Application" section.
3. Using the drop down menu, identify the Institution from which you intend to apply and click "Save".
4. Complete each section of the preapplication by clicking on the appropriate link and following the posted instructions. The signature

page template (an html print screen) can be found and submitted in the "Upload Required Documents" section.

5. To submit your preapplication, click on the "Done with Preliminary Application" button. The "Done with Preliminary Application" button will be enabled when all required sections have been completed and the signature page uploaded. Please note that once this has been selected, you will no longer be able to make changes to your PreApplication.

6. To confirm submission of your Preliminary Application, go back to your home page and check the list under the section labeled "Your Submitted Applications". You will see your Preliminary Application number and project title entered for RFA 12-07 Early Translational IV once the submission process has been completed.

## Full Application Process

Full Applications will only be accepted from applicants who 1) submitted a PreApp and 2) are invited by CIRM to submit a full application.

The application for the CIRM Early Translational IV RFA consists of five parts:

Part A: Application Information Form (Web-based form)

Part B: Proposal (MS Word template)

Part C: Biographical Sketches and Letters of Support (MS Word template)

Part D: Licenses and Agreements (e.g. MTAs)

Part E: Budget Detail (MS Excel Template)

All five parts of the full Application for Early Translational IV Research Awards must be submitted together and received by CIRM **no later than 5:00 pm (PDT) on March 20, 2013, via the CIRM Grants Management Portal. It is the applicant's responsibility to meet this deadline; no exceptions will be made.**

Schedule of CIRM deadlines and reviews	Date
Preliminary Applications due	5:00 pm (PDT), October 26, 2012
Invitations for full Applications sent out by CIRM	Late January, 2013
Full Applications due	5:00 pm (PDT), March 20, 2013
Review of full Applications by Grants Working Group (GWG)	June, 2013
Review and Approval by ICOC	Summer, 2013
Earliest Funding of Awards	Fall, 2013

No exceptions will be made to the indicated deadlines.

## Contact

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## ICOC approval:

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