

Bridges 2.0 Education Program

Concept Plan

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Bridges 2.0: A Reimagined Initiative Better Aligned with CIRM's Mission

Bridges 1.0 Outcomes:

- >700 students completed the program
- 13 California State Universities and 3 community colleges
- Of former Bridges trainees:
 - 50% currently working in lab jobs
 - 30% enrolled in graduate or professional school
 - 15% completing educational program and/or applying to graduate school
- Bridges alumni are employed full time in labs at
 - >20 California universities and research institutes
 - >50 biotech and pharmaceutical companies (>90% in CA)



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Objective: To prepare California's undergraduate and Master's level students for highly productive careers in stem cell research & therapy development.

What We Are Keeping

- Hands-on research internship
- Stem cell techniques training course
- Educational enhancement related to stem cells
- Broadening participation from under-represented populations





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What We Are Adding

- Direct patient engagement activities
- Formal training on the regulatory pathway and development process
- Community outreach activities engaging diverse California communities in supporting healthcare initiatives
- Dynamic academic and career counseling for trainees and program alumni



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Who may apply?

 California universities or colleges that do not have a major stem cell research program

How will funds be awarded?

Applications considered in a single review cycle

What is the requested funding allocation, project funding and project term?

- CIRM requests up to \$45.7 million to support up to 15 awards
- Each award will support up to 10 trainees per year
- Programs will be supported for up to 5 years





SPARK (Creativity) 2.0 Education Program Concept Plan

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SPARK: Summer Program to Accelerate Regenerative Medicine Knowledge

Objective: To inspire, introduce and prepare California's high school students in the field of regenerative medicine as it relates to human diseases

What We Are Keeping from Creativity Awards:

- Full time hands-on summer research internship
- Broadening participation from under represented populations
- Poster Day





SPARK: Summer Program to Accelerate Regenerative Medicine Knowledge

What We Are Adding

- Direct patient engagement activities
- Preparatory training course before the commencement of research

Community outreach activities engaging diverse
 California communities via social media



SPARK: Summer Program to Accelerate Regenerative Medicine Knowledge

Who may apply?

 California universities, colleges or research institutes with an established high school summer internship program

How will funds be awarded?

Applications considered in a single review cycle

What is the requested funding allocation, project funding and project term?

- CIRM requests up to \$4 million to support up to 10 awards
- Each award will support a minimum of 5 and up to 10 trainees per year
- Programs will be supported for up to 5 years

