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CIRM 2.0

CALIFORNIA'S STEM CELL AGENCY

Discovery Inception Program: GWG Recommendations

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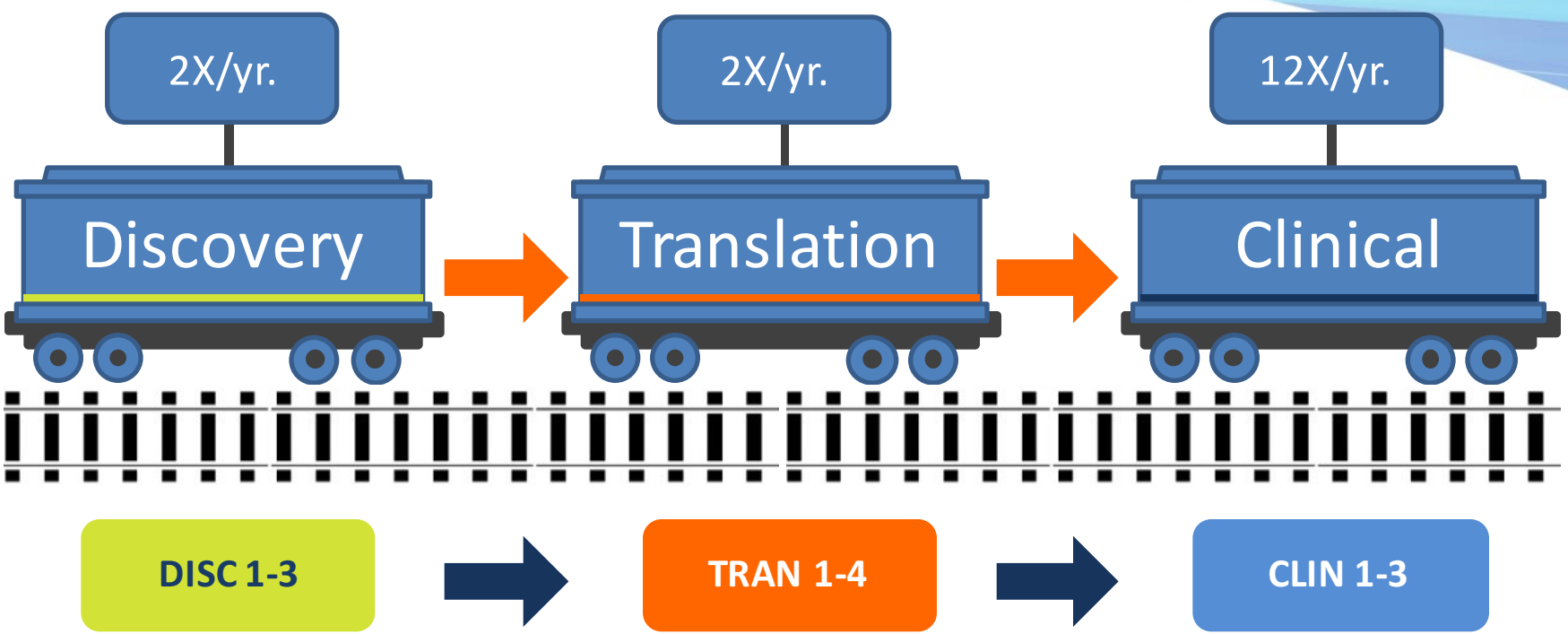
PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

INCEPTION RESEARCH PROJECTS

Track with Continuous and Recurring Funding Opportunities



CIRM 2.0 Inception Program

Objective

Provide **seed funding** for **great ideas** that may impact the field of human stem cell research but need modest support to test and compete for larger funding opportunities.

Emphasis of GWG Review

- "**Great new ideas**" with potential to ultimately result in a translatable human stem/progenitor cell-based product or technology.
- Ideas with a sound scientific rationale is important, but **preliminary data are <u>not</u> required or expected**. This is a high risk, high reward program.
- We will provide **$150K to test the idea** and generate data to compete for larger (more substantial) funding opportunities through CIRM or other sources.

Positive Selection

- Started with total **101** proposals.
- Positive selection process narrowed to **60** proposals.
- Selection by any one member of the GWG was sufficient to move an application forward to full review.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GWG FOR THE INCEPTION REVIEW

Scoring System

- Tier 1: Score of “85-100”

  Exceptional merit and warrants funding, if funds are available.

- Tier 2: Score of “1-84”

  Not recommended for funding.

Applications are scored by all scientific members of the GWG with no conflict.

DISC 1: GWG Recommendations

	TRAN Apps	Funds
Tier 1: Score 85-100 Exceptional merit and warrants funding, if funds available	18	$4,020,878
Tier 2: Score 1-84 Not recommended for funding	42	$9,521,947

GWG Vote on Review Process

1. *All members*: "The review was scientifically rigorous, there was sufficient time for all viewpoints to be heard, and the scores reflect the recommendation of the GWG."

2. *ICOC patient advocate members*: "The review was carried out in a fair manner and was free from undue bias."

All members voted unanimously in favor of 1 (20-0)

Patient Advocate GWG members voted unanimously in favor of 2 (6-0)

DISC 1: CIRM Team Recommendations

	TRAN Apps	Funds
Tier 1: Score 85-100 Exceptional merit and warrant funding, if funds available	18	$4,020,878
Tier 2: Score 1-84 Not recommended for funding	38	$8,574,283