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Research Budget Adjustment
CIRM SPARK Training Program

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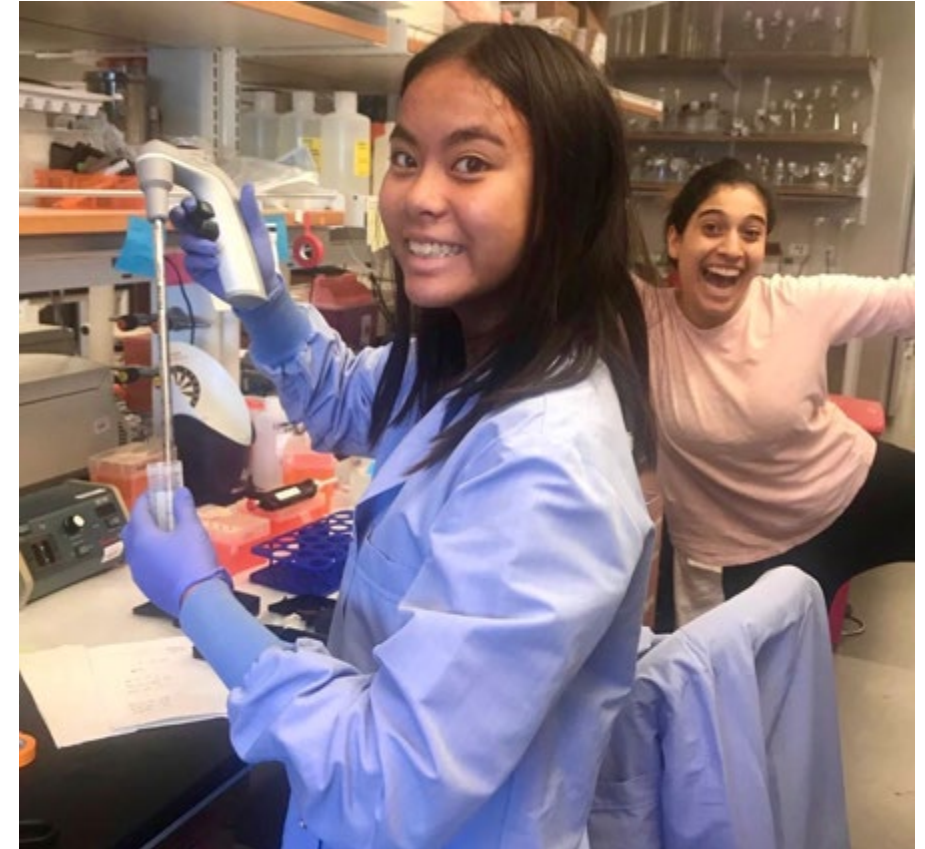
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SPARK Program: High School Summer Research Experience

Objective: To provide high school students with hands-on training in stem cell research through summer internships and to inspire their interest in regenerative medicine

Structure: SPARK programs supplement and integrate within existing summer programs sponsored by eligible California institutions

Funding: Creativity Awards (2012-2015) - RFA offered 2011
SPARK Awards (2016-2021) - RFA last offered 2015



GWG Recommendations

	Number of Apps	Total Applicant Request	Funds Available
Recommended for funding Score 85-100	11	\$5,332,462	\$5,100,000
Not recommended for funding Score 1-84	3		

Difference between recommended and allocated: \$232,462

CIRM Request:

Increase allocation to the 2021 SPARK Training Program from \$5,100,000 to \$5,332,462 to support 11 awards