



## **Application Requirements/Criteria and Information 2010 Elliot D. Weitzman, M.D. Research Grant**

Elliot D. Weitzman, M.D., established the nation's first time isolation laboratory at Montefiore Medical Center of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, where he chaired the Department of Neurology from 1971 to 1982. Dr. Weitzman conducted pioneering investigations of circadian rhythms and sleep disorders, including delayed sleep phase syndrome (DSPS). His group developed chronotherapy to help people with DSPS reset their circadian clocks to more conventional hours for sleeping and waking. In 1975 he helped found the Association of Sleep Disorders Centers, the forerunner of the present American Academy of Sleep Medicine. The Association of Sleep Disorders Centers honored Dr. Weitzman with its Nathaniel Kleitman Distinguished Service Award in 1983, the same year he died of lymphoma at age 54.

The SRSF Elliot D. Weitzman, M.D. Research Grant is intended for researchers to gather additional pilot data for NIH or other federal grants that are scored but not funded (the SRS assumes that such grants have been reviewed by NIH or equivalent). Grants that will be considered are those that have a sound plan but were criticized for inadequate preliminary data or evidence of feasibility. One-year grants will be funded with each in the amount of up to \$20,000.

### **Requirements for Applicants**

- 1) The applicant must have a doctoral degree (Ph.D., M.D. or D.O.).
- 2) The applicant's current academic/faculty appointment must be assistant professor or higher.
- 3) The applicant must be a full member of the SRS at the time of application.
- 4) The applicant is only eligible to receive one SRSF Elliot D. Weitzman Research Grant per lifetime.
- 5) Any individual who has received any other SRSF (Sleep Research Society Foundation) award is not eligible.
- 6) There must be only one Principal Investigator per proposal.
- 7) Copy of the pink sheets (review from granting agency) is required.
- 8) Indirect costs should not covered by the grant.

### **Application**

Applications must be submitted in English. Applying for the award involves submitting the following six items via email as a single attached WORD or PDF file. Applications that do not adhere to the following guidelines will be judged non-responsive and not reviewed.

- 1) A one-page cover letter that includes the NIH summary score and percentile ranking, the planned date for resubmission to NIH, and a brief description of how the pilot study funds will be used to address concerns raised by the reviews.
- 2) A three or four page biosketch, including other research support (use NIH format).
- 3) The Specific Aims section of the original proposal.
- 4) The NIH “pink sheets” including: the summary of discussion, description (provided by applicant), individual critiques, comments prepared by the scientific review administrator, and an accompanying letter from the NIH Program Officer.
- 5) A five-page description of the pilot research that will be used to support the resubmission to NIH. The scope of the proposed work may vary, as appropriate to the concerns to be addressed. Examples include, but are not limited to: archival analyses; feasibility studies; adding participants, groups and/or measures to an ongoing protocol; or statistical and/or technical support to generate additional data or demonstrate productivity. The proposed work must be presented in sufficient detail to evaluate its responsiveness and merit, in light of the NIH summary statement. The proposal should be **NO LONGER THAN** five pages, including tables, figures, and references. The research proposal must be single-spaced, using an 11-point font. Pages must include numbers and ½ inch margins. Appendices and reprints will not be accepted. In addition to the 5 page research proposal, an abstract of no more than 150 words should be provided.
- 6) A budget and budget justification (one page)

**The deadline for the receipt of the proposal is November 30, 2009. All proposals must be submitted electronically.** The Foundation encourages a non-binding letter of intent be submitted by **October 14, 2009**. The letter should include the principal investigator, institution, project title, previous funding received, and a brief biographical sketch. Please contact Nick Cekosh at [ncekosh@srsnet.org](mailto:ncekosh@srsnet.org) or (708) 492-1093 with any questions.

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