



2011 Elliot D. Weitzman, M.D. Research Grant Application Requirements/Criteria and Information

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 to facilitate established researchers in developing novel and innovative lines of research that differ from their previous areas of research by assisting them in developing pilot data that will support applications for NIH or other federal grants. Weitzman grants will be awarded based on evaluated scientific merit based on significance, innovation, approach, investigator and research environment, and on SRSF programmatic priorities.

Requirements for Applicants

- 1) The applicant must have a doctoral degree (e.g.; PhD, MD, etc.).
- 2) The applicant must have an academic/faculty appointment and a significant record of funded sleep/circadian rhythms research.
- 3) The applicant must be a full member of the SRS at the time of application.
- 4) The applicant has not received an SRSF J. Christian Gillin Award within the previous five years.
- 5) The applicant has not previously received an SRSF Elliot D. Weitzman, MD Research Award.
- 6) The proposed line of research is novel, innovative and differs from the applicant's past and present funded lines of research.
- 7) The applicant is the sole Principal Investigator.

Application

Applications must be submitted in English. Applying for the award involves submitting the following four 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) An NIH formatted Biosketch including current research support, and a history of all previous research support.
- 2) An abstract of no more than 150 words.
- 3) A five-page description of the proposed research.
 - 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.
 - The application should describe the significance, impact, innovation, and approach of the work proposed.
 - N. B. - The application should make it clear how the work proposed is novel relative to the applicant's previous and current funded lines of research and how the pilot data to be obtained will facilitate application for an NIH or similar grant.
 - Appendices and reprints will not be accepted.
- 4) A one page budget and budget justification
 - N. B. - Indirect costs will not be supported.

The deadline for the receipt of the proposal is November 30, 2010. All proposals must be submitted electronically. The Foundation encourages a non-binding letter of intent be submitted by **October 15, 2010**. 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 or (630) 737-9702 with any questions.

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