

SKIN INNOVATION GRANT

Information Sheet

The Skin Research Institute of Singapore (SRIS) is pleased to announce the upcoming Call for proposals for the Skin Innovation Grants, which will open on 19th March 2018.

The Grants are open to researchers from A*STAR, NHG and NTU, subject to eligibility criteria as outlined below.

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1. The main objective of the grant is to bring together basic scientists, engineers and clinicians; as well as to **engage** new industry collaborators, to **create/generate** high impact interdisciplinary skin research.

2. APPLICATION PERIOD

- 2.1. The call will be open for applications from 19th March 2018 to 15th May 2018 (5pm). This is a one-stage application process, with no pre-application stage.

3. FUNDING STRUCTURE & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1. The grant call has two funding categories:

Category 1

- Funding of **up to \$100,000** per grant for up to 18 months;
- Priority will be given to excellent proposals in the areas of (1) Skin Health & Ageing and (2) Atopic Dermatitis, but other skin related areas will also be considered;
- Open to researchers and clinicians¹ from A*STAR, NHG and NTU;
 - a) Applicants who are Researchers should be within *10 years post-PhD*;
 - b) Applicants who are Clinicians should be Consultants or more junior;
- Applicants with less experience may be asked to identify a formal mentor for their project.

Category 2

- Funding of **up to \$200,000** per grant for up to 24 months;
- Requires cash funding from the Industry of **not less than 50%** of the funds requested; i.e. not less than one-third of the total project funding;
- Open to researchers and clinicians¹ from A*STAR, NHG and NTU;

¹ Applicants must fulfil the following criteria at the point of application:

- a) Hold a primary appointment with an A*STAR, NHG or NTU institution, with a minimum of 9 months employment per calendar year.
- b) Hold a PhD or MD/MBBS/BDS qualifications.
- c) Have access to a laboratory or clinical research programme that carries out research in Singapore.
- d) Have no outstanding report from previous BMRC, NMRC grants, and other national grants.
- e) For proposals involving patients, the PI should be SMC registered, or should be able to demonstrate ability to access patients through SMC registered Co-Is or collaborators.
- f) Applicants for Category 2 grants must be an independent Principal Investigator (PI) or Clinical Investigator/Clinician Scientist with a demonstrated track record of research, for example by the award of national-level competitive funding and publications over the past 3 years.

- Letter(s) of Support from industry must be submitted with the application, showing the company's intent to make a cash contribution to the project.
- 3.2. For both categories, interdisciplinary research partnerships between PIs and Co-Investigators will be favoured, e.g. Basic Scientist with Engineer, Basic Scientist with Clinician or Clinician with Engineer.

4. REVIEW & SELECTION PROCESS

- 4.1. All completed applications will undergo a 2-stage process of evaluation by a team of experts, followed by a selection process by a Review Panel comprising SRIS Management and co-opted members where required.
- 4.2. The selection criteria will be as follows:
- Originality of scientific proposal;
 - Assessment of clinical need;
 - Potential technological solution and innovativeness;
 - Potential impact of outcome, including strategic value, intellectual property, practicality of commercialization;
 - Budget and strength of study team composition.
- 4.3. Decisions of the SRIS grant review panel are final and no appeals will be considered.

5. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Successful applicants will be required to comply with the A*STAR Grants Terms and Conditions and Guidelines for Managing A*STAR Grants, which will be attached to the letters of grant awards.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 6.1. Applicants are required to submit:
- a) Grant Application Form
 - b) Budget Application Form
 - c) Supporting Documents
 - i) Principal Investigator's CV
 - ii) All Co-investigators' CV
 - iii) All Collaborators' CV
 - iv) Letter of Support stating and specifying company's commitment for cash contribution towards applicant institution for the project (for Cat 2 applications)

Note: CVs are limited to 1 page for each team member.
 - d) Ethics Application Form (to include in submission if applicable)

6.2. Applications must be submitted in both SOFTCOPY and HARDCOPY

a. Softcopy submission

Softcopy submission should comprise of a Word format (without signatures) and a PDF format of a fully signed scanned version in colour, application.

The documents are to be sent to Ms Evangeline Ng/Mr Jason Chia, National Healthcare Group Research and Development Office (NHG RDO) at [Evangeline Yy NG@nhg.com.sg](mailto:Evangeline_Yy_NG@nhg.com.sg) / [Jason KI CHIA@nhg.com.sg](mailto:Jason_KI_CHIA@nhg.com.sg) respectively with the subject heading "Skin Innovation Grant – [Name of PI], [Name of Project]."

b. Hardcopy submission

Hardcopy Submissions must reach NHG RDO at the following address by the stipulated date:

**SKIN INNOVATION GRANT
NHG Research & Development Office
3 Fusionopolis Link
#03-08, Nexus@one-north
Singapore 138543
Attn: Skin Innovation Grant Secretariat**

6.3. Incomplete applications, and/or applications submitted/rectified after the closing date and time will not be considered.

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please refer to NHG Research website (www.research.nhg.com.sg) and/or contact the following personnel:

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