Dawson Jarock Research Program in Pediatric Nephrology and Rheumatology established at the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Background
The Dawson Jarock Endowment Funds for Research & Education in Pediatric Nephrology and Rheumatology were established at the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation by Reinhard and Elisabeth Muhlenfeld (Donor), Dawson’s grandparents, in appreciation of the high standard of care that their grandson received at the Alberta Children’s Hospital. Diagnosed with a serious case of Wegener’s Granulomatosis in September 2006 when he was 13 years old, Dawson eventually responded to treatment and, although he will likely always be on medication, is currently living his life much like others his own age which is very important to him. The Muhlenfelds realized the importance of funding Wegener’s research (an extremely rare and underfunded disease) and hope that they will help improve the quality of life for all pediatric Wegener’s patients as well as promote a greater understanding of the disease, leading to the development of more effective treatments and ultimately a cure.

Purpose
The Award is to be used to support clinical research in the areas of pediatric nephrology and rheumatology with a preferred specific focus on Wegener’s Granulomatosis or other vasculitic and/or autoimmune disorders.

Award Competition

Criteria for Selection
- Eligible applicants (Principal Investigators) must be members of ACHRI. Trainees may be named as Co-Investigators.
- Principal Investigators are encouraged to engage with an interdisciplinary group of collaborators.
- Co-funding from philanthropic, national or international organizations is encouraged and should be declared in the application.
- Applications will be reviewed by an ACHRI Research Grants committee. Members of the committee will include:
  - ACHRI Scientific Director – Basic or Clinical
  - Patient Care Manager Nephrology
  - Section Chief or delegate Adult Rheumatology or Nephrology
  - ACHRI representative – Basic or Clinical
  - Section Chief Pediatric Rheumatology – non-voting

Amount of Funding
The Award will be up to a maximum of $71,000 over three years, of which $21,000 will be available in the first year.

August 2019
Application
Application to be submitted on the Dawson Jarock Research Grant Application Form with the following attachments:

- Research Proposal – maximum five pages including figures and tables. Provide a clear, concise description of your research proposal including:
  - Background – Significance and Impact
  - Aims
  - Methods
  - Knowledge Translation
  - Expertise, Experience and Resources
- Principal Investigator – CCV
- Co-Investigators – Biosketch CV
- Quotations for equipment if necessary

Reporting Obligations
Each year the award recipient must provide an annual update of project activities, progress and expenditures to ACHRI. The annual update will be reviewed by ACHRI and provided to the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation (ACHF). Continued funding of the award is contingent upon satisfactory annual reporting review and approval. At the end of the three-year funding term, the award recipient will provide a final report to ACHRI on project activities, outcomes and impact covering the entire granting period. The final report will be reviewed and submitted to ACHF.

Funding Recognition
The Award recipients must recognize and acknowledge the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation, the Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute and the Dawson Jarock Research Program in Pediatric Nephrology and Rheumatology in all resulting publications, research reports, policy brief, promotional material, public event, news release or other work product that results from the research.

Submit the completed application, proposal and supporting documents as one single PDF file to achri.awards@ucalgary.ca by October 15, 2019

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