

JEFFERSON INTRAMURAL RESEARCH AWARDS
Reapplication Enhancement Award
2009-2010

The Office of the President, Jefferson University has generously agreed to fund up to \$400,000.00 annually to provide support for the Reapplication Enhancement Award. The Office of the President will award funding to proposals based upon competitive review and recommendation by Jefferson Medical College's Committee on Research which administers this program.

The purpose of the Reapplication Enhancement Award is to provide support for investigators who have received a generally positive critique on a NIH*, NSF or other national, peer reviewed grant application for which a critique is available, but did not receive funding. This may include "triaged" or other grants which were not recommended for funding. However, a REA grant will not be awarded in cases where an application was found to be poorly written, unfocused, or otherwise seriously deficient, and in need of major revision. The REA grant provides funds (up to \$35,000.00 **for direct costs ONLY**) to an investigator to specifically address weaknesses indicated in the grant critique, in order to permit resubmission of a stronger application.

Eligibility:

- An REA applicant must be the **Principal Investigator** for the submitted proposal

Ineligibility:

- If the investigator is currently funded by a REA
- If an application has been resubmitted to the NIH, NSF or other eligible funder for re-review prior to applying for the REA
- If the applicant has previously received a REA and did not submit a final report at the end of the funding period

Investigators are encouraged to submit a REA application as soon as possible after receiving their summary statements, **prior to re-submission of their application to the NIH.**

If the application was denied funding by the National Cancer Institute, (prior to the submission of a REA) the application must be submitted to the Charlotte Geyer Foundation if the following criteria are met:

1. First submission R01 and R21 proposals (no A1 or A2 proposals).
2. Proposals scored up to the 40th percentile
3. Only current proposals will be considered
4. Proposals must require at least six months of additional research work prior to resubmission.
5. The proposal must be eligible to be resubmitted to NCI, using the current title and proposal number.
6. Special consideration will be given to research that has clinical applicability.

<http://www.charlottegeyer.org>)

If the Foundation does not fund a proposal it will then be eligible for Reapplication Enhancement Award funds.

There are three **application deadlines** during the year: **Sept. 15, Jan. 15, and May 15** (or the following Monday if a weekend). Applications need to be **electronically submitted no later than 4:00 PM on the deadline date** to: aveniel.delorenzo@jefferson.edu. **A proposal will not be reviewed unless it is submitted as ONE document in Adobe or Word.**

In review of applications of equivalent scientific merit, funding priority will be given to applications that specifically address areas represented by the noted centers of excellence described in the strategic plan of the University.

Questions can be addressed to: Aveniel de Lorenzo at 215-503-8990 or email to:
aveniel.delorenzo@jefferson.edu

Applications will not be reviewed unless the checklist is complete and accurately reflects the contents of the proposal. All copies must have the checklist as the cover sheet.

Applications **must** include the following:

An **original and ten complete UNSTAPLED collated copies (including checklist as cover sheet)** of the completed REA application submitted **using National Institutes of Health font guidelines**.

- (1) Page 1: **Completed** checklist as cover sheet (see page 4 of this document)
- (2) **Budget justification form** (see page 5): **the budget must be justified detailing the expenses, not to exceed \$35,000.00 in direct costs. No support will be provided for Principal Investigator salary, travel, or major equipment.** Funding for supplies, routine expenses and support personnel will be considered if **adequately justified**.
- (3) Submit a copy of the NIH or other funding agency **critique, as well as the abstract and specific aims page of the original grant**. *A copy of the complete original grant application is **not** required.*
- (4) Detailed **research plan** for work to be done under REA grant support, including:
 - (a) **Introduction**: summary of the proposed work, including specific aims. **(1 page maximum)**
 - (b) **Experimental plan**: a brief description of the rationale, methods, and expected results of the proposed work. Page count **includes** tables, figures, pictures, and preliminary data (if any). **(3 pages maximum)**
 - (c) **Significance**. A brief description of how the proposed work will address the concerns that were raised in the critique and improve the quality of a revised grant application **(1 page maximum)**.
- (5) The Principal Investigator and all co-investigators **NIH style biosketch(s)** (not necessary for collaborators) including **Other Support and Overlap** containing **Specific Aims, % of effort, dates and, potential scientific and budgetary commitment overlap for all active and pending applications**.

If the Other Support and Overlap are not included, the application will not be reviewed.

- (6) Letter from **Chair of the DEPARTMENT** (Not Division Director)
 - (a) Current rank and status in department
 - (b) Current dept commitment of space, personnel support, salary
 - (c) Perceived qualities that make the faculty member a strong candidate for this SPECIFIC award with evidence of support (i.e. seminal publications, grant awards, departmental recognition, etc.)
 - (d) Consequences of receipt of the award (e.g. promotion, more dedicated space, more time for research vs. teaching and service, etc.)
 - (e) A description of how the applicant's research is consistent with the Institution's strategic research plan.
- (7) Letters of agreement for collaborative arrangements.
- (8) The **names, emails and phone numbers** of Jefferson researchers who would be qualified to review your application.
- (9) A list of key words that will facilitate reviewer assignments for applications.

Criteria for review

The major criterion for review is how well the REA proposal addresses specific weaknesses indicated in the grant critique. The Committee on Research will review REA applications based on the following:

1. Is the proposal clearly focused on the primary concerns of the critiques?
2. Will the completion of the proposed studies clearly enhance resubmission of the national application?
3. Can the goals of the proposal be accomplished during the 1-year period of support?
4. Can the goals of the proposal be accomplished with the amount of REA dollars given?

The scientific merit of the proposal as reflected in the agency summary report will also be taken into account. Favorable applications will include those that clearly address the reviewers' critiques and delineate a plan for addressing the critiques. Since only limited funds are available, applications will be ranked on a competitive basis. Formal written reviews are not necessarily provided to the applicants by the Committee on Research.

A short written critique will be provided.

Period of support

Applications will be approved for one year of support. If the project receives extramural funding after an award has been made, residual funds will be withdrawn and made available to other applicants.

Final report

Awardees are expected to make subsequent applications for extramural support, and should inform the Office of Faculty Affairs when such an application is submitted which has benefited from REA support. At the end of the budget year, a brief progress report must be submitted to the Committee on Research, indicating work accomplished and the status of the extramural application the grant was meant to support. ***Failure to submit both a progress report and an extramural application status report will make the applicant ineligible for further intramural funds.***

FACE PAGE
Check List for Reapplication Enhancement Award
Academic Year 2009-2010

PI Name/ degree(s): _____ School/Department: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Title: _____

- (1) ___ **Completed** face page (**PAGE 1**) as **cover sheet**
- (2) ___ Budget Justification (see page 5 of this document)
3. ___ Copy of NIH or other funding source critique, abstract and specific aims of the original grant
4. ___ Detailed Research Plan
 - (a) ___ Introduction (1 page maximum)
 - (b) ___ Experimental Plan (3 page maximum) **Including graphs tables, figures, pictures, any preliminary data**
 - (c) ___ Significance (1 page maximum)
- (5) ___ NIH Biosketch **including Other Support and Overlap**
- (6) ___ Letter from **Chair of the DEPARTMENT** (Not Division Director)
 - 1) Current rank and status in department
 - 2) Current dept commitment of space, personnel support, salary
 - 3) Perceived qualities that make the faculty member a strong candidate for this SPECIFIC award with evidence of support (i.e. seminal publications, grant awards, departmental recognition, etc.)
 - 4) Consequences of receipt of the award (e.g. promotion, more/dedicated space, more time for research vs. teaching and service, etc.)
 - 5) A description of how the applicant's research is consistent with the Institution's strategic research plan
- (7) ___ Letter(s) for Collaborative Arrangement(s) (if applicable)
- (8) ___ Names/ email and phone #'s of Jefferson Medical College researchers qualified to review
- (9) ___ Key words that will facilitate reviewer assignments

Jefferson Intramural Awards Budget Justification Form

No support will be provided for *Principal Investigator salary, travel or major equipment*. Funding for supplies, routine expenses and support personnel will be considered if adequately justified.

**Please fill out as accurately as possible
Do not include indirect costs**

PI Name:

Support Personnel (Must be justified)	Cost
Sub-Total	

Supplies (Itemize)	Cost
Sub-Total	

Other (Itemize)	Cost
Sub-Total	
Total of ALL categories	

Justification for expenses (if needed):

This table will expand if needed