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## Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati Research Proposal Announcement

The Board of Trustees of the Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati requests applications for innovative cardiovascular research projects led by faculty dedicated to improving the lives of pediatric and adult congenital heart disease (CHD) patients and their families. Since 1940, Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati has invested in groundbreaking research and clinical programs that improve outcomes for CHD patients.

The Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati will fund seed research, or ongoing projects associated with congenital heart disease. While the award is focused on translational investigation in hopes of improving patients' lives with congenital heart disease, the board of trustees will evaluate proposals for merit and encourage applicants to apply.

All grant applications are encouraged, and more weight will be given to projects that have clearly delineated timelines and completion deadlines.

There is one award cycle in 2024:

<b>Fall Cycle 2024</b>
<b>October 1, 2024</b> – Call for Research Proposals opens
<b>November 19, 2024</b> – Application due to <a href="mailto:grantrequests@choac.org">grantrequests@choac.org</a> by 5:00pm EST
<b>December 18, 2024</b> – Applicants notified as to a decision regarding funding
<b>January 2025</b> – Funds released for awardees

Recipients will be notified of a funding decision via email. The Congenital Heart Alliance of Greater Cincinnati Board of Trustees will require project updates at 12-month intervals, depending on length of funding duration. Expectations and requirements for these project updates will be shared with award recipients.

### Application Requirements

All applications must be received by the deadlines outlined above and must include a completed cover sheet, signed by PIs division director.

#### Applications must also include the following elements:

1. Title of proposal.
2. Investigator(s) department and divisional affiliation.
  - At least one faculty member must be listed as a principal investigator.
3. Research Proposal – no more than three pages (single space, arial font, size 11), not including citations and must be submitted as one PDF. Proposals that do not adhere to these guidelines will not be reviewed. The proposal must include the following elements:
  - Abstract
  - Specific Aims
  - Innovation and clinical Impact
  - Methods and data sources summary
  - Prospects for future funding
4. Citations (limited to 10)

5. Budget – A detailed budget that illustrates how the funding will be apportioned for any personnel, supplies and equipment. Faculty salary and equipment costs can be included or excluded as desired. No indirect costs should be included in the budget. As the grant is a catalyst for larger funding sources, indirect costs will not be supported.
6. An NIH-style biosketch for the investigator that includes all current and pending support from all sponsored and non-sponsored sources. The biosketch is limited to four pages.

Applications for consideration during the fall cycle should be submitted by **November 19, 2024**, to [grantrequests@chaoc.org](mailto:grantrequests@chaoc.org). For administrative questions regarding the application process, e-mail [grantrequests@chaoc.org](mailto:grantrequests@chaoc.org).

### **Award Requirements**

Recipients will be required to provide updates to the Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati Board of Trustees at 12-month intervals of the grant cycle. Grant funding must begin within six months of notification of award. Expectations and requirements for these project updates will be shared with award recipients. The Congenital Heart Alliance of Greater Cincinnati will reserve rights for media release and social media announcements. Publications resulting from this funding must include an acknowledgement of Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati's support. Recipients may be asked to attend future Congenital Heart Alliance of Cincinnati events.

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