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Ignite Fast Grant Award in RNA Technologies

Submissions due by <u>15 November, 2024</u>

Ignite is a Science Philanthropy that funds life science research in India in academic and research institutions. You can learn more about us at ignitelsf.in

Background to this call

In the last week of October 2024 we held a SpARC meeting at IISc devoted to RNA technologies. The idea-storming session at the close of the meeting identified many known-unknowns that could be solved through productive research collaborations. This call is a way to initially fund 1-3 good ideas as a means to developing more substantive and long-range research programs at a second stage.

Call for Proposals

Research proposals are invited from **not-for-profit research institutions (public or private)**. Preference will be given to collaborative proposals between groups that have divergent expertise.

We prefer to receive proposals that seek to address a central hypothesis/question relating to the development or validation of a technology concerning RNA vaccines, therapeutics or diagnostics. The tenure of the funding request should be **<u>24 months or less</u>**. We expect the quantum of funding per grant to be less than INR 15 L.

The last date for submitting the proposal to andrea@ignitelsf.in is **15 November, 2024** The awards will be announced around **30 November, 2024**.

Information on Ignite Life Science Foundation can be obtained at our website: ignitelsf.in

Successful proposals will be announced through our website and via our social media handle: @ignitelsf

The subject line of the email to which the proposal is attached should say: RNA Technologies Proposal, Your Name and Institution

The proposal (maximum 10 pages)

the name of the proposal file should be PIname_InstitutionName_RNA Tech_2024

the proposal should contain the following sections (**The applicant should hold a full time position**):

1. A high level SUMMARY of the proposal (150 words or less)
2. Background science in support of this proposal (ideally ONE page)
3. The central hypothesis or idea (ideally half a page)
4. The experimental design to test your hypothesis/idea; experiments that are definitive in their outcomes and constitute a go/no-go decision point for further work are preferred (ideally ONE page)
5. Possible outcomes and next steps (ONE page)
6. List of References in support of (1) above (ONE page)
7. Six monthly Milestones, and Funding (with breakup; overheads should not exceed 10%) required to be disbursed in six monthly tranches (ONE page). If your project timeline is only 6 months or less, then you can ask for the entire fund release to be disbursed at the start of the project. Please also attach the project budget as a separate excel file with the name: PIname_InstitutionName_RNA Tech_2024_Budget
8. Institution overheads cannot exceed 10%.
9. Name of PI, co-PIs, list of relevant papers published by the PI and Co-PI, address, email ID and mobile phone numbers
10. If funding announcements are made in the first week of Dec 2024, on what date can you commence work on your proposal
11. Self-certification that this Proposal does not overlap with any other ongoing funded proposals OR proposals submitted to other agencies for funding. Please do list ALL proposals of a similar nature that are funded in your laboratory as well as proposals of a similar nature submitted by you for funding to other agencies