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OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS (DUE BY 6 August 2021)

Ignite Fast Grant Awards

This is an Open Call for Research Proposals from Investigators working in Indian Universities and Not for Profit Research Institutions to apply for Ignite Life Science Foundation Fast Grant Awards. The Fast Grant Awards are meant to fund new ideas (even if they are unconventional and high-risk) and use the outcomes of the research to triage for a subsequent more substantial round of funding,

We are looking for submissions in the following broad areas of research:

1. Pandemic response
2. Antimicrobial Resistance
3. Nutrition
4. Neurodegeneration

The topics are to be interpreted in their broadest sense. We prefer to receive proposals that seek to address a central hypothesis/question. The hypothesis should be testable using a clearly defined experimental approach within the tenure of the Grant. Proposals will be evaluated for originality and potential for future application to health care problems.

The size of the funding request should be less than **INR 50 Lakhs**. Projects with smaller funding requests and comparable impact are preferred since it will allow us to fund more investigators. The tenure should be **18 months or less**.

Experimental outcomes will be reviewed at the end of the Award period and select Awardees will be considered for a second round of funding, which would provide substantial multi-year grant support to expand the scope and explore potential applications of the research outcomes.

The last date for submitting the proposal to swami@ignitelsf.in is **6 August 2021**. The awards will be announced around **6 September 2021**.

Any questions on this announcement can be addressed to swami@ignitelsf.in.

The proposal should contain the following sections:

1. Background (1 page) including previous work done in investigator laboratories pertinent to this proposal
2. The question(s) being asked/the hypothesis being tested (1 page)
3. Why is this important (1 page)
4. Experimental approach that will be used (1 page)
5. Possible research outcomes and next steps the outcomes will trigger (1 page)
6. Budget (equipment, people, institution overheads, and consumables) and timelines for experimental plan (1 page)
7. Investigator(s) affiliations and contact details (1 Page)
8. Citations (1 Page) – in support of hypothesis and experimental approach
9. Brief investigator CV and List of FIVE recent publications (2 pages)