

## **The iCMLf Diagnosis and Testing Program**

### **Call for Proposals for Grants 2018**

#### **Program Overview**

The iCMLf Diagnosis and Testing Program offers seeding grants to hematology institutions in emerging economic regions. The aim of the program is to facilitate the diagnosis, testing and long-term disease monitoring of CML patients in emerging economic regions where it is not currently available.

The mission of the iCMLf is to improve outcomes of CML patients globally. Many hospitals in developing countries do not have the capability to confirm the diagnosis of CML either by cytogenetics or by molecular tests, which results in patients not being able to access the medication available to enhance and extend their quality of life. Moreover continued monitoring is essential to detect early evidence of drug resistance or disease progression that in many cases could be better managed with a change in therapy.

Through the Diagnosis and Testing Program the iCMLf will enhance facilities at a local level to either bring high quality testing to the patient, or to develop a low cost strategy for sending patient samples to a central reference laboratory for testing. Developing local diagnostic capacity and resource sustainability are important criteria for the iCMLf grants.

Building on the success of the previous 48 projects awarded iCMLf grants, the Foundation will offer further funding in 2018. Seed funding for 10 new proposals of up to \$10,000 is available.

Institutions awarded grants will partner with a CML centre of excellence to ensure the successful implementation of the proposal and offer ongoing mentoring and support at a clinical and laboratory level.

Expressions of interest are welcome to [arlene@cml-foundation.org](mailto:arlene@cml-foundation.org). Applications close on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## How to Apply

### Guidelines:

Submitted proposals must clearly demonstrate how the iCMLf support, funding along with CML centre partnership, will contribute to increasing access to CML diagnosis and monitoring to improve CML patient care.

#### Grants available:

- Phase I funding of \$10,000
  - Seed funding for up to 10 new proposals

#### Grants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- How the project will impact an existing area of need
- How iCMLf funding will underpin the development of on site facilities
- How the project utilises both the partnership with the CML centre of excellence and the iCMLf funding
- What consideration has been given to the sustainability of access to diagnostics
- A clear plan of action with a plan to report measurable outcomes

For all applications a full breakdown of expenditure is required.

### Applicant documents:

#### 1) Project Proposal (5 pages maximum)

- Provide a description of your project, as well as the specific aims of the project, plan of implementation and costs associated with each component
- The proposal should include information about the home institution and the existing facilities for CML diagnosis and monitoring, along with the number of CML patients treated at the institution
- Describe the intended involvement of the CML centre of excellence Applicants already working with a CML centre of excellence on this, or another project should detail this as part of the application
- Include any other information you feel is relevant

#### 2) Applicant's CV, or biosketch (2 pages maximum)

#### 3) Applicant information form. See attached document

### Deadline for applications:

30<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order for their proposals to be considered for review:

Persons –

- Physicians, scientists, and hematology laboratory staff working in a hospital or a research institution
- Applicants may be at any stage in their careers

Countries – The aim of the program is to improve access to CML diagnosis and monitoring where it is currently not available or substantially limited. Applications are sought from institutions in low-income to upper-middle-income countries according to the World Bank classification of economies.

## Application evaluation procedure

Grant applicants will be reviewed by the iCMLf Directors and evaluated based on the aforementioned criteria.

Grants will be awarded in August 2018.

## Terms and conditions

If awarded an iCMLf grant, applicants must agree to comply with the following conditions:

- Applicants agree to respond to follow-up surveys in the future
- Applicants agree to report outcomes from the use of the grant
- Applicants agree to sign a memorandum of understanding prior to accepting the grant
- Applicants agree to accept responsibility for any costs associated with the proposal not covered by the iCMLf grant

To ensure a wide range of participants in the program only one grant per institution/department will be awarded annually.

## Contacts

All questions and submissions should be addressed to:

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