

Pichichero Family Foundation Vaccines for Children Initiative

Research Award in Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Application for Award Beginning November 1, 2018

Established in 2016 through the support of the Pichichero Family Foundation, the Vaccines for Children Initiative research awards in Pediatric Infectious Diseases support outstanding investigators performing translational or clinical research that focuses specifically on the development of new vaccines and immunotherapeutics. The Pichichero Family Foundation seeks to encourage increased innovative research to improve or develop new vaccines and immunotherapeutics for children. The two year grants are available for applicants at any level in their professional career and all members of PIDS are encouraged to apply. Applications by members of sister pediatric infectious disease societies (e.g. ESPID, SLIPE, ASPID, WSPID, AfSPID and ANZID) will be accepted and considered as long as the applicant is also a member of PIDS. These grants will support projects similar to a K award for young investigators or an R03 award for more senior investigators.

The awards are administered through the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) Foundation.

Scope of Work: The award is intended to support translational and clinical research involving vaccines or immunotherapeutics. Research proposals with a focus on pathogenesis must provide a clear explanation of how results from the study will aid in vaccine and immunotherapeutic development. Studies of new uses of existing vaccines (e.g., use in a special population) may also be considered; however, preference will be made for studies that advance new vaccine/immunotherapeutic development.

Support: The Research Award provides \$50,000 in total costs (inclusive of 8% indirect costs) per year for 2 years, with renewal in the 2nd year dependent upon satisfactory research progress. The award may be used at the discretion of the applicant, including salary support, purchase of small equipment, technical support, or research supplies.

Eligibility: Pediatric infectious diseases physicians and scientists (MD and PhD) are encouraged to apply. All applicants must be members of PIDS. Established investigators should provide evidence for how the proposed work represents a new direction that is not currently or previously funded.

Scientific/Financial Overlap: This award is intended for research projects that are not currently funded by the NIH or other funding agencies. Candidates currently funded through a career development award (e.g., K08 or K23) or other awards may apply for the Pichichero Foundation award provided that no scientific overlap exists between funded or submitted applications to other funding sources.

Application Process: The bulleted items listed below should be submitted to Christy Phillips, Executive Director, PIDS, electronically on or before **5:00 pm Eastern on Monday, June 4, 2018**. Documents should be compiled as a single PDF in the sequence listed below and should use at least 11 point type; Arial, Helvetica, or Times New Roman font; no less than 0.5 inch margins, and at least single spaced.

- Completed Application Form, including listing of all active and pending research support.

- Letter of nomination from the applicant's Division Chief, Department Chair, or supervisor
- For all fellows or junior faculty at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor
 - Letter from the Chair of Pediatrics, or the applicant's supervisor, specifying the applicant's current academic appointment and guaranteeing that at least 50% of the applicant's time is protected for research.
 - Two letters of recommendation from qualified individuals who are best able to assess the applicant and his or her research capabilities. These letters should be sent electronically by the recommenders to Ms. Christy Phillips (pids@idsociety.org) and not assembled in the final PDF package.
- Abstract of research proposal (1/2 page)
- Specific Aims of research proposal (1 page)
- Research strategy (6 pages), that includes specific sections of:
 - Significance
 - Innovation
 - Approach
- References (not included in page limit)
- [Other Support](#), including currently funded and pending projects
- Applicant's Biosketch, using the [current NIH format](#) (maximum 5 pages)
- Up to three published manuscripts that highlight the applicant's most significant work.

Selection: Awards will be based on the quality of the research proposal. The goal is to identify individuals who show promise for future contributions that will lead to the development of vaccines and immunotherapeutics designed to prevent or treat infections in children.

Applications will be reviewed by the PIDS Research Affairs Committee, who will select the most competitive applications. The reviewers will use [standard NIH scoring](#) (ranging 1-9, with 1 as the best score) and assign an overall impact score to each application. If sufficient expertise relevant to the application is not available on the Committee, *ad hoc* members may also be identified. The Committee will forward the top-scoring applications to the Pichichero Family Foundation Board of Directors, who will then select the top applications for funding approval.

Questions related to the application process can be addressed to Ms. Christy Phillips at (703) 299-6764 or pids@idsociety.org.

All completed materials should be sent as a single PDF to:

Christy Phillips, Executive Director
 Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
 1300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300
 Arlington, VA 22209
pids@idsociety.org

Additional Items for Consideration

Progress Reports: Recipients of the Pichichero Family Foundation, Vaccines for Children Initiative Research Award in Pediatric Infectious Diseases must submit a two-page progress report at the end of the first year of funding (May 1). The progress report should include a brief summary of the research progress to date and, if pertinent, description of major changes to the research project. A final report and copies of all publications relevant to the recipient's research will be due within 90 days of completion of the award. Progress reports will be evaluated by the

PIDS Research Affairs Committee.

Financial: The Financial Office at the recipient's institution must maintain an account for the award, and this account must be available for annual audit by PIDS representatives. At the end of each year of funding, a final financial report should be forwarded to PIDS. Unexpended balances may be carried over from the first year to the second.

Publications: Publications (including abstracts of presentations at scientific or clinical meetings) resulting from the award must carry the following acknowledgement:
"Name of Awardee is a recipient of the Pichichero Family Foundation Vaccines for Children Initiative research award in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, sponsored by the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Foundation."

Terms of the Award: All awards are made to the awardee's sponsoring institution for the support of the designated applicant. The Pichichero Family Foundation Research Award is intended to allow the awardee suitable protected time for research. As evidence of an institutional commitment to the junior faculty member's research program, the chairman of pediatrics must confirm that sufficient protected time exists (50%) for the applicant's overall research activities.



**Pichichero Family Foundation Research Development
Vaccines for Children Initiative Award in Pediatric
Infectious Diseases**

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address for Correspondence: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email _____ **Phone:** _____

Research Proposal Title: _____

Active Research Support:

Pending Research Support:

Return all application materials to Christy Phillips, MSA at pids@idsociety.org