SINGAPORE STEM CELL CONSORTIUM (SSCC)
CALL FOR PROPOSALS – EARLY CAREER PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

Introduction

The Singapore Stem Cell Consortium (SSCC) is an initiative of the A*STAR Biomedical Research Council (BMRC) with the aim of establishing a coordinated and focused translational research and development programme in stem cells. It seeks to catalyze the translation of basic stem cell research into clinically viable stem cell therapies for chronic, debilitating diseases, by building strong linkages between basic science and clinical research groups. It aspires to develop enabling platform technologies for eventual therapeutic use of stem cell research. It also has an interest in using stem cells to create models of mammalian development and disease states, as well as providing cellular assays for the identification of novel signaling molecules, pathways, and the development of new drugs. The SSCC is encouraged by the general interest shown by the academic community for its previous calls. It now wishes to build further on this enthusiasm by inviting early career Principal Investigators (for exact definition, see below) with no previous main stem cell focus to apply for a limited number of grants for any area of stem cell research activity.

Eligibility

All investigators who hold a primary appointment in a Singapore public institution (including restructured hospitals, national centres, research institutes (excluding A*STAR), and local universities) are eligible to apply. PI should be physically present, carrying out research work in Singapore for at least 9 months of the year. There should only be one Principal Investigator (PI) who will be responsible for coordinating any team effort and managing the grant award. The PI should have been in post for more than three years and less than six years. The research must be conducted in Singapore. Applicants for this grant are not allowed to apply for other 2010 SSCC grant calls.

Review Process

There will be a two-tier process to this grant call. Applicants are to submit a full proposal for international peer review and final evaluation by the SSCC Local Review Panel. The review process will take about 8 weeks.

Funding

Average funding per grant is about S$0.5-0.6M. Grant Period is usually three (3) years contingent upon satisfactory progress as assessed during annual reviews.

Application

Application form can be downloaded from the following websites: www.a-star.edu.sg.

The submission must comprise the endorsed original application form and its soft copy (Word format) through the Host Institution’s Research Office. Applications must be submitted to
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Closing Date

The closing date for application is 19 March 2010, 5.00pm.