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A. MOD invites all qualified scientists with faculty appointments or the equivalent, at universities, hospitals and research institutions (not for profit or profit), to submit applications for research grants relevant to our mission. This encompasses basic biological processes governing differentiation and development, genetics and genomics of these processes, clinical studies, reproductive health and environmental toxicology, and social and behavioral studies concerning cognitive and behavioral risks that affect outcomes of pregnancy, the perinatal period, and subsequent child development. Applications will be directed to one of three committees whose respective foci are:

- Cell Lineage and Differentiation
- Gene Discovery and Translational Medicine
- Social and Behavioral Sciences. This involves family units and includes genes, toxicants, social determinants that adversely affect language or behavior, especially if involving premature infants or children with birth defects.

To view a list of currently funded grants under the above programs, please go to the appropriate grant list: [Cell Lineage and Differentiation Grant List](#); [Gene Discovery and Translational Medicine Grant List](#); [Social and Behavioral Sciences Grant List](#).

Applications related to causes of labor and preterm labor leading to prematurity should be directed to the [Prematurity Research Initiative \(PRI\) 2016 Program Request For Proposals](#).

B. PROCEDURE TO SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT

Potential applicants should submit electronically required administrative information and a Letter of Intent via the MOD's online system at <HTTP://RESEARCHGRANTS.MARCHOFDIMES.ORG>.

Letter of Intent template includes the following information in this order:

1. Title of proposal.
2. Hypothesis.
3. Preliminary data.
4. Précis of specific aims and methods of procedure.
5. Plan for evaluating results.



6. Current financial support: list each current grant or contract for the conduct of this research. If there is no other support, state "NONE."

Items 1-6 should not exceed 3 pages.

7. If the applicant is already a recipient of a current MOD research grant or a Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award, include a summary of progress (not to exceed 1 page).
If the applicant previously submitted a full proposal that was reviewed in committee but not funded, a response to the critique is not necessary in the LOI. Relevant remarks may be included but must be contained within the 3 pages.

The online Letter of Intent process must be completed by April 30, 2015.

C. REVIEW PROCESS

Letters of Intent will be evaluated by a scientific advisory committee, and full applications solicited from those selected. This decision will be transmitted no later than July 15, 2015, with deadline for the full application by September 15, 2015. Funding will be initiated on June 1, 2016.

D. BUDGET

The budget may include salary support for the Principal Investigator or other faculty, but ordinarily is expected to provide salary support for technical help. Grants are usually awarded for a three-year period, but may be for less if appropriate.

The March of Dimes defines a birth defect as any abnormality of structure or function, whether inherited or acquired in utero and presenting in infancy or early childhood. Deviations from reproductive health of women and men as an underlying basis of birth defects, i.e. preconceptional events, perinatal course, and premature births, are appropriate subjects for research support.