

THE **MARFAN** FOUNDATION **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

ON MARFAN SYNDROME, VEDS, EDS, LDS, AND OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS

THE MARFAN FOUNDATION IS ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR FOUR RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMS:
Victor A. McKusick Fellowship Program | Early Investigator Grant Program
Faculty Grant Program | Clinical Research Grant Program

▶ THE VICTOR A. MCKUSICK FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM cultivates promising young physician scientists and research scientists to advance toward independent research. Work must be done within the U.S., but is also open to international applicants. We are pleased to announce that one Victor A. McKusick Fellowship Grant will be funded by the Loeys-Dietz Foundation for studies on LDS vasculature or TGFβ research.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2020 Award announcement: May 11, 2020. Funds available: July 1, 2020. Awards are for two years at \$50,000–\$75,000 per year.

▶ THE EARLY INVESTIGATOR GRANT PROGRAM provides financial support for early investigators who have less than seven years' experience in a faculty position at the time of application submission and who have never received an NIH R-01 grant award. Work may be performed in the U.S. or internationally and non-U.S. appointments are acceptable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2020 Award announcement: May 11, 2020. Funds available: July 1, 2020. Awards are for two years at \$37,500 per year.

▶ THE FACULTY GRANT PROGRAM provides financial support to faculty who hold a position of associate professor or above. Faculty with less experience who have received an NIH R0-1 grant are also eligible to apply. Work may be performed in the U.S. or internationally and non-U.S. appointments are acceptable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2020 Award announcement: October 12, 2020. Funds available: January 1, 2021. Awards are for two years at \$50,000 per year.

▶ CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM provides financial support for non-cardiovascular clinical research studies. Proposals can be retrospective or prospective and utilize data obtained through registries/databases, observational studies, and surveys. Work may be performed in the US or internationally and non-US appointments are acceptable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2020 Award announcement: October 12, 2020. Funds available: January 1, 2021. Awards are for one or two years for grants of \$25,000–\$50,000 per year.

SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST INCLUDE basic research, translational studies, and clinical studies in cardiovascular, genetic, orthopedic, pain, and ophthalmological areas utilizing synergistic collaborations; integration of novel theories from non-traditional researchers into established paradigms; novel animal model systems; innovation; and the distillation of knowledge into practical new therapies for Marfan syndrome, VEDS, EDS, LDS, and other related conditions.

AWARDS FOR ALL PROGRAMS are determined based on proposal evaluations by The Marfan Foundation Scientific Advisory Board with the approval of the Foundation's Board of Directors. **Proposals must be prepared according to the Foundation's guidelines and must be submitted electronically via Marfan.org.**

FOR GUIDELINES & APPLICATIONS, contact The Marfan Foundation (research@marfan.org or 516-883-8712, ext. 117) or visit Marfan.org.

PLEASE POST THROUGH APRIL 3, 2020

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