General Submission Guidelines

Overview:
The goal of the program is to foster development of multi-site efforts for increasing the clinical effectiveness of CMR. The intention is to award one 'Basic Science' and one 'Clinical Science' Grant of up to $5,000 each in 2022, with some flexibility based on the nature of the application pool. Examples of possible topics include (but are not limited to) proposals to facilitate standardization or clinical evaluation of emerging CMR imaging biomarkers.

The SCMR encourages early career investigators to identify pilot projects fostering multi-institutional collaborations leading to joint applications to established granting programs. Successful investigators will be invited to present their progress at the subsequent SCMR Annual Scientific Sessions in 2023.

Eligibility:
• The Seed Grant Program is open to early career clinical and basic scientists (no more than 5 years after completion of the applicant’s terminal research degree (e.g. PhD) or medical residency/fellowship, whichever is later) at the time of the submission of the application. Pre-doctoral students, post-doctoral trainees, and junior faculty are all eligible and encouraged to apply.
• The applicant must be a current member of the SCMR.
• SCMR seed grants are not intended to duplicate support for a funded research project. Preference will be given to projects deemed to support new directions which reflect growing independence of the early career investigator.

Application:
• A cover letter from the applicant describing their employment position and how the seed grant funds will be used to advance an inter-institutional collaboration supporting the development of their academic career. In proposed projects with partial funding from other sources, a justification on how the award will make a difference in the delivery of the project, by covering costs otherwise not paid for, is required. The cover letter should indicate if the application falls in the 'Basic Science' or 'Clinical Science' category (1-page maximum).
• A letter from the applicant’s supervisor or department head (1-page maximum). This letter should include a mentoring and training plan and confirm that the applicant will have the time and resources (e.g. access to images, databases, scan time), needed to accomplish the proposed research project.
• A letter of support from the lead collaborator at a partner institution indicating the role of the collaborator.
• Brief biosketch of the lead investigator in NIH or equivalent format (2-page maximum).
• Research plan (3 pages maximum): Description of the pilot research project including aims, current knowledge, preliminary work, and approach, with timeline and expected outcomes for a one-year project. This plan should clearly state how this project leverages the strengths of multiple participating institutions, facilitating greater interaction, and generating pilot results for joint applications to established peer-reviewed funding programs. Efforts to link emerging and establishing CMR research programs are strongly encouraged.
• A detailed budget justification should be provided (1/2-page maximum). The funds from the award cannot be used for personal salary support or facilities & administrative costs. Eligible budget items include funds for pilot studies including generating data (e.g. scan time, equipment and/or supplies, software, associated trainee support) and/or accessing/analyzing existing databases. Funds for travel expenses to facilitate collaborations with other institutions / research groups are also eligible.
• Describe any potential conflicts of interest (1/2 page maximum)
• All application items should be consolidated into one PDF for submission

Funding and Award Process:
• One 'Basic Science' and one 'Clinical Science' of up to $5,000 will be made for one year.
• Grant applications will be reviewed by the Science Committee, which will recommend the award recipient to the Executive Committee for approval.
• The winner(s) will be announced at the Awards Ceremony during the SCMR 25\textsuperscript{th} Annual Scientific Sessions with a project start date of March 1, 2022 and will be highlighted in the SCMR Newsletter.
• The winners will be invited to present the results of their work at the SCMR 26\textsuperscript{th} Annual Scientific Sessions.
• The winners will be offered one (1) complimentary registration to the 26\textsuperscript{th} Annual Scientific Sessions and one (1) complimentary hotel night stay.

Grant Reporting:
• A Progress Report must be submitted at the end of one year.
• The Progress Report must include a detailed summary of project costs, and a description of progress made towards the proposed research aims.
• The investigator will be invited to submit the results of the research project for presentation at the SCMR Annual Scientific Sessions.
• When ready for publication, the award recipients are encouraged to submit their work to JCMR, where it will be subject to the usual peer review process.
• The recipients of the award should acknowledge the SCMR Seed Grant Award in all abstracts and papers that result from the award.

Deadline:
• The SCMR Submission Site will close on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM Eastern. Please note the submission deadline will not be extended.