2018 BSF RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The Barth Syndrome Foundation, Inc. (BSF) and its international affiliates announce the availability of funding for basic science and clinical research on the natural history, biochemical basis, and treatment of Barth syndrome. Barth syndrome (BTHS) is a serious X-linked genetic condition associated with cardiomyopathy, neutropenia, skeletal muscle weakness, exercise intolerance, growth delay, and diverse biochemical abnormalities (including defects in mitochondrial metabolism and phospholipid biosynthesis). There are two basic categories: IDEA grants for 1-2 years and DEVELOPMENT grants for 2-3 years with budgetary maximums of US $50,000 and $100,000, respectively. The deadline for submission of the completed research grant application is **OCTOBER 31, 2018**, and grants will be awarded in late February 2019. The deadline for the one-page "Letter of Intent," if applicable, is September 21, 2018. The format is modeled on the NIH R21 application. This is a competitive grant program with a historical 30% success rate in receiving funding.

BSF's Research Grant Program requires all applicants to be independent investigators (e.g., faculty appointment). Postdoctoral fellows cannot apply. BSF allows young, non-tenured investigators to include in their submitted budget up to 75% of the total grant amount as PI salary. In addition, for those clinical applications where volunteers must travel to a clinical research site, these travel expenses will be handled separately and will be excluded from the budget maximums mentioned above. We encourage independent investigators at all professional levels to submit their best ideas. There are no geographical limitations to this funding.

BSF is seeking proposals for both basic science and clinical research that may shed light on any aspect of the syndrome with the object of developing a specific treatment or a cure.

Please see the BSF website for more details:

https://www.barthsyndrome.org/research/grantprogram/

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