Fall 2019 CORe FUNDING Program

Therapeutic Pipeline Program

#### PRE-PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Please review the instructions below before you log in to the online submission system. Applications will only be accepted through the online submission system.

All pre-proposals are treated with confidentiality by The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF) and its reviewers. All pre-proposals received in response to MJFF RFAs will be subjected to review and only applicants whose pre-proposals are determined to best fit criteria as defined in the RFA will be invited to submit full applications. In order to expedite the pre-proposal review process, written critiques will not be provided for those not invited to the full application stage.

**Online Application Form**

Complete the online application form with the following information:

* Principal Investigator (PI) Contact Information (*Institution, Mailing Address, Email, Phone*)
* CoPI and/or Collaborator Contact Information (*Label – CoPI, Collaborator, Consultant, etc.; Paid or Unpaid; Institution; Mailing Address; Email; Phone)*
* Project Title
* Project Duration
* Project Abstract (*300-word limit; brief summary of the goals of your project*)
* Pre-proposal Template (complete the below template and upload as a separate PDF document)

**Please Note:**

* Symbols do not transfer correctly to our online system. Spell out any symbols (e.g., alpha-synuclein) in your online form.
* Please type your login email address correctly, otherwise you may not receive important information regarding your submission or be able to access your account.
* Once you begin an online application, you may save and return to it before final submission. When ready, please click ‘submit’ to ensure that your submission is delivered promptly to MJFF.
* A notice of proposal receipt is automatically sent by email upon online submission**. If this automatic notification is not received within one hour of submission, please contact MJFF at** [grants@michaeljfox.org](mailto:grants@michaeljfox.org) **to check on the status of your proposal.** You should also expect an email within one week of the submission deadline notifying you of administrative review status.

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#### PRE-PROPOSAL summary template

Please use the following template to create an executive summary of your experimental plan and upload a PDF copy with your online submission. Text should be no smaller than 11-pt font and should not exceed 2 pages. One additional page of relevant preliminary data and one page of references cited in the proposal may be included. Delete the instructional text in each box below to save space.

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| PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: |  |
| INSTITUTION/COMPANY: |  |
| PROJECT TITLE: |  |

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| THERAPEUTIC | Briefly describe the specific therapeutic being developed, mode of action and how the therapeutic was identified. Please identify the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed therapeutic. |
| INDICATION | Briefly describe whether the proposed therapeutic is intended to:  • Alter the course of disease progression  • Address motor or non-motor symptoms of PD  • Treat complications of therapeutic liabilities |
| TARGET | Briefly indicate the biological target and hypothesized mechanism and pathway that you propose to develop a Parkinson’s disease therapeutic. If possible, also demonstrate proof of target engagement. |
| STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT | Briefly describe the current stage of development of your proposed therapeutic (e.g., high throughput screening, hit-to-lead, lead optimization, preclinical drug candidate nomination, or clinical phases) and discuss relevant data (preclinical and/or clinical) that justifies the progression of the therapeutic to the next development stage (e.g., bioavailability, PK/PD relationships, safety, etc.). Studies to collect gaps in the data can be proposed as part of your application. |
| DEVELOPMENT PLAN | Briefly describe and justify the proposed study(ies) that you wish to now complete to move the proposed therapeutic forward. How do these studies fit into the big picture of developing a therapeutic for patients? |
| IP/PATENT LANDSCAPE | Briefly describe any intellectual property considerations and/or restrictions that may impact how further development of the proposed therapeutic will proceed (e.g., existence of competing technologies or legal barriers to commercialization). |
| FUTURE OBJECTIVES | Briefly indicate how a successful outcome of the proposed plan would lead to future development efforts, including ultimate goals and estimated timeline for moving the therapeutic further into the next stage of development. |