The American Academy of Pediatrics
Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence
2020 New Investigator Grants
Call for Proposals

Program Goal
The goal of the AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence New Investigator Grant Program is to stimulate involvement of pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists in innovative research to protect children from exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke.

The AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence (Richmond Center) is supported by a grant from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI). FAMRI sponsors scientific and medical research for the early detection, prevention, treatment and cure of diseases and medical conditions caused from exposure to tobacco smoke. FAMRI also promotes efforts to ensure that health care providers ask the right questions of their patients about exposure to tobacco smoke.

The New Investigator program provides 1-year grants of up to $12,000 to fellows/junior faculty to conduct research related to children and secondhand smoke. Projects must be consistent with the goals of the Richmond Center (www.aap.org/RichmondCenter) and preference is given to studies with the potential to lead to future research. The number of awards depends on the funds available and the size of grants funded.

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Application Process
New Investigator grant applications involve a two-part process. Applicants must first submit a two-page preliminary proposal. Based on review of preliminary proposals, a select number of applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. All proposals must be submitted by electronic mail to richmondcenter@aap.org.

Part One
Applicants submit preliminary proposals, which will be reviewed by a study section convened by the AAP Richmond Center. Based on reviews, a select number of applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Applicants whose projects are not selected for a full proposal will also be informed of the decision. The deadline for preliminary proposals is December 2, 2019 at 5:00pm Central time. Applicants will be notified of the results of the first review stage during the week of December 16th.
Preliminary Proposals
Applicants are required to submit the following:

1) A cover page (1 page maximum) that includes
   - The Name of the Principal Investigator PI
   - Institution
   - Address
   - PI Contact information (telephone and email address)
   - Project Title
   - Project Dates
   - Budget Amount Requested

2) Project Description (2 pages maximum) that includes
   - Overview
   - Specific Aims
   - Background/Significance
   - Preliminary Studies (if applicable)
   - Methods and Proposed Activities
   - Evaluation/Analysis Plan
   - Dissemination and Implications for Sustainability

3) Budget and Budget Justification (1 page maximum)
   Budgets of up to $12,000 (maximum) should not include overhead (indirect costs), salary for principal investigators/mentors, who are full time faculty, or equipment for long-term use (e.g., computers). A maximum of $1,500 is allowable for travel. Awardees will be supported to attend and participate in one or more meetings of the AAP Richmond Center Advisory Committee and/or the AAP Tobacco Consortium at no cost to their project.

4) References (one page)
   References are not included in the two-page limit and may be included on an additional page(s). No other appendices are permitted.

5) Principal Investigator Biosketch (4 pages maximum)
   The Principal Investigator must submit a biographical sketch using the standard four-page NIH biosketch form (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html)

6) Letter of Support (1 page maximum)
   A one page letter of support from a primary mentor is required with the initial two-page proposal. A typed signature is acceptable if an electronic signature is not available.
7) Format Specifications

- Use an Arial, Helvetica or Georgia typeface, a black font color and a font size of 11 points or larger
- Type density must be no more than 15 characters per inch
- Type may be no more than six lines per inch
- Use standard size (8.5” X 11”) paper
- Use at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right)

Part Two

Selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Full proposals (10 pages maximum) will be reviewed and scored by a second study section, convened by the AAP Richmond Center. Review statements will be provided to all applicants. Funding decisions will be based on the results of the study section review, contingent upon certification of the investigator’s tobacco entity funding status, and approval by the AAP Richmond Center. The number of proposals approved and funded will be determined by the funds available for the given year.

Full proposals will be due February 7, 2020 by 5:00 pm Central time.

Grant funding will be available on or before April 1, 2020.

Who May Apply

Applications are sought from pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists. Preference will be given to NEW investigators, defined as faculty members with no more than 7 years post training. Fellows and residents are eligible to apply.

Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed study is invited to apply. Funding awards will be made to institutions in the United States and internationally in countries identified by the WHO Framework Convention of Tobacco Control as having a high prevalence of tobacco smokers, on behalf of individual investigators.

To avoid any real, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest between grant recipients and tobacco-related entities, the AAP Richmond Center will not award grants to an investigator who is in current receipt of any grant monies or in-kind contributions from any tobacco manufacturer, distributor, or other tobacco-related entity. In addition, we expect that grantees will not accept any grant monies or in-kind contribution from any tobacco manufacturer, distributor, or other tobacco-related entity over the duration of the grant.

Review Criteria

Proposals should address a topic area that affects child or adolescent health that is consistent with the Richmond Center’s goal of reducing or eliminating children’s exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. Innovative ideas that may lead to the improvement of children’s health will be welcomed. Preference will be given to NEW
investigators and to proposals that could lead to projects of a larger or longer-term nature.

Incomplete submissions and proposals that exceed page limits will not be reviewed.

Inquiries and Technical Assistance
If you have questions about the project scope or guidelines, contact Julie Gorzkowski, Director, Adolescent Health Promotion (630-626-6126 or JGorzkowski@aap.org ) or Colleen Spatz, Tobacco Control Programs Specialist (630-626-6403 or CSpatz@aap.org).

The AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence may include information about funded projects in its program evaluations, publications, and promotional and technical assistance materials.