Call for Proposals

The National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) seeks Letters of Intent for research proposals to study the pathogenesis and genetic pathways, and/or to improve the diagnoses and managements of the ectodermal dysplasias.

The NFED will consider clinical, translational, and basic scientific proposals that expand the understanding of ectodermal dysplasias or improve the management of their protean features. Clinical proposals should attend the characteristics of ectodermal dysplasias, (e.g. skin, hair, nail abnormalities), treatments to manage features of ectodermal dysplasias, or behavioral and psychological aspects of ectodermal dysplasias. Translational proposals should develop and/or test novel strategies for the treatment of and of the several aspects of ectodermal dysplasias. Basic science proposals should further dissect the genetic pathways or molecular and biochemical or histologic mechanisms that underlie the ectodermal dysplasias.

Letters of Intent must include:

- a list of the participating Investigators;
- a succinct description of the project;
- the funds needed for either a 1- or a 2-year investigation; and
- the time in which the project will be concluded.

The NFED will award grants up to $25,000 (U.S.D.). The NFED does not fund salaries, institutional overhead, or indirect costs.

This Letter must not exceed one side of one standard (8.5/11 in.) page with 12-point type. The deadline for receipt of firm copy submissions is 5:00 P.M. (Central Standard Time), Friday, September 3, 2010, at the NFED office. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

After internal review, selected Investigators will be invited to submit a formal proposal by October 18, 2010. The deadline for the formal proposal is January 7, 2011. Announcement of award will be made by March 31, 2011, and funding will start in April 2011. Enquiries about this announcement may be directed to:

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