Limited Submissions

Office of Research Administration                                      Tufts University

W.M. Keck Foundation: Grant Programs: Medical Research Program and Science and Engineering Program

***PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE (1) CANDIDATE FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED FOR EACH PROGRAM***

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Deadline: Thursday, March 19, 2015 by 5pm
Sponsor Phase I Deadline: May 1, 2015 (hard copy)

For those interested, please send an email of intent to the Office of Research Administration (ORA) researchadministration@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. The email of intent needs to include only the:
1. name of the solicitation (please specify program),
2. name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,
3. subject or title of the proposed project, and
4. 2-3 sentences that briefly describe the potential proposal

If the number of PIs interested is greater than one per program, ORA will initiate an internal review process and inform those who submitted an email of intent of the next step in the internal process.

In collaboration with the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations, all faculty who are interested in making a May 1st submission to the foundation are encouraged to contact Don McGowan, Director of the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations, to discuss latest Keck interests and submission protocols. Donald.Mcgowan@tufts.edu (x75263)

PROGRAM INFORMATION: The Foundation strives to fund endeavors that are distinctive and novel in their approach. It encourages projects that are high-risk with the potential for transformative impact. "High-risk" comprises a number of factors, including questions that push the edge of the field, present unconventional approaches to intractable problems, or challenge the prevailing paradigm. Supporting pioneering discoveries in science, engineering and medicine has been our mandate from the beginning. By funding the high-risk/high-impact work of leading researchers, we are laying the groundwork for new paradigms, technologies and discoveries that will save lives, provide innovative solutions, and add to our understanding of the world. Both Senior and Early Career investigators are encouraged to apply.

Keck Priorities
Funding is awarded to universities and institutions nationwide for projects in science & engineering and medical research that:

- Focus on important and emerging areas of research
- Have the potential to develop breakthrough technologies, instrumentation or methodologies
- Are innovative, distinctive and interdisciplinary
- Demonstrate a high level of risk due to unconventional approaches, or by challenging the prevailing paradigm
- Have the potential for transformative impact, such as the founding of a new field of research, the enabling of observations not previously possible or the altered perception of a previously intractable problem
- Fall outside the mission of public funding agencies
- Demonstrate that private philanthropy generally, and the W. M. Keck Foundation in particular, is essential to the project's success

All materials are to be submitted electronically to the Office of Research Administration at researchadministration@tufts.edu.
The Medical Research Program seeks to advance the frontiers of the life sciences by supporting basic research that is high-risk and has the potential to transform its field. Successful projects are distinctive and novel in their approach to problems, push the edge of their field or question the prevailing paradigm.

The Science and Engineering Program seeks to benefit humanity by supporting projects that are distinctive and novel in their approach, question the prevailing paradigm, or have the potential to break open new territory in their field.

AWARD INFORMATION: Research grants range from $500,000 to $5 million, and are typically $2 million or less.

FURTHER INFORMATION: http://www.wmkeck.org/grant-programs/research

Please be advised that the Office of Research Administration may share internal proposals with the Corporate and Foundation Relations office.