LIMITED SUBMISSION: W.M. Keck Foundation Research Program: Call for Concept Papers

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal One-Page Concept Paper Deadline: December 15, 2018 by noon

For those interested, please send a one-page concept paper to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu. Concept papers received after the deadline will not be considered. The concept paper should be no longer than one page and should follow the instructions under Program Requirements below. Additionally, please include in an email the following:

1. The name of the solicitation and track (medical research or science & engineering),
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI's,
3. The biosketch/CV of the PI.

Concept papers will be pre-screened by the Limited Submissions Committee and discussed with the Keck Foundation, per their regulations. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/

PROGRAM PURPOSE:
- The Keck Foundation funds projects in the areas of 1) medical research and 2) science and engineering
- Projects must be “disruptive” and high-risk, and can focus on the development of new technologies, instrumentation or methodologies that have the potential to have a transformative impact
- Projects must not focus on a single disease (even if the results could be more broadly applicable) or aimed at improving existing technologies
- Projects must not focus on clinical or translational research, treatment trials, or drug development

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
The application process for the Keck Foundation Research Program requires that the Tufts University contact person pre-screen one-page concept papers with the Foundation. These concept papers (1” margins, 12-point Times New Roman font) must include the following:

- The area of emphasis for the project (Medical Research or Science & Engineering Research)
- An overview of the proposed project, emphasizing unique and “disruptive” aspects and pilot studies/preliminary data
- A description of the methodologies, including how these are innovative, and key personnel with qualifications
- A brief justification of the need for Keck support, i.e., why the work cannot be supported by federal funding agencies
- An estimated budget broken down, if possible, by major areas (e.g., personnel, equipment, consumable supplies, etc.). Please note that grants over $1 million undergo additional screening.

ELIGIBILITY: No foundation restrictions; please follow Tufts PI eligibility policies.

AWARD INFORMATION: While historically, grants have ranged from $500,000 to $5 million, they are typically $2 million or less. Projects that have a budget of no more than $1Mil are more likely to be awarded.

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

NOTE: Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.