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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE
PREMATURITY RESEARCH INITIATIVE (PRI) 2013 PROGRAM

The March of Dimes seeks applications requesting grant support for projects related to causes of prematurity. Research proposals of new paradigms based on strong conceptual frameworks are invited. The intent is to provide new insights into the large, and increasing, proportion of preterm deliveries in which the cause (and thus the means of prevention) remains elusive. The proposals need to consider especially, but not be limited to, genetics, gene-environment interactions, and animal models. We encourage novel approaches. Applicants must be members of not-for-profit institutions.

Potential applicants should submit electronically the required administrative information and a Letter of Intent addressed to the Senior Vice President for Research and Global Programs summarizing the proposed studies via our online system at [HTTP://RESEARCHGRANTS.MARCHOFDIMES.COM/PRI](http://RESEARCHGRANTS.MARCHOFDIMES.COM/PRI).

The Letter of Intent must include the following information in this order:

1. The objective.
2. The relevance to causes of preterm birth.
3. The hypothesis or hypotheses to be tested.
4. Preliminary data.
5. A statement of the methods of procedure.
6. A plan for evaluating the results.
7. Current financial support: list each current grant or contract for the conduct of this research. If there are no other grants, state "NONE."
8. If this is a request for a renewal of a current March of Dimes grant or if you hold a Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award, it must include a summary of its progress.

The online process must be completed by April 15, 2012. Please do not include References Cited with your *Letter of Intent*.

These grants do not cover the recipient's or other faculty salaries, but do provide salary support for technical help. The grants are awarded for a three-year period. For your information, the financial characteristics of the previous year's grant cycle are as follows:

(Per Year) AVERAGE: \$156,668 MEDIAN: \$154,800 RANGE: \$136,399 TO \$195,052

The Letters of Intent will be evaluated and applications will be invited from those who are selected. Our decision will be transmitted to the candidates no later than May 15, 2012. Those who are invited to apply will have to do so on or before July 15, 2012. The applicants will be informed of the decisions regarding their applications no later than January 1, 2013. Funding will be initiated on March 1, 2013.

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