The Rare Kidney Stone Consortium is seeking applications for pilot projects in research in rare kidney stone disease. Ideal projects will facilitate acquisition of preliminary data that can be used for future grant applications. Projects that explore promising or novel treatments, develop new diagnostic tests or laboratory assays, or those that identify new markers of disease activity are encouraged. New investigators and/or individuals not currently engaged in rare diseases research are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants can come from Consortium participant institutions or elsewhere as long as the PI collaborates in a direct and meaningful fashion with a RARE KIDNEY STONE CONSORTIUM-affiliated investigator. Recipients are required to present their results at a RARE KIDNEY STONE CONSORTIUM investigators meeting.

Application:
- Please use NIH Form 398 application forms using the 398 form instructions. ([http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html](http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html))
- Please include the following:
  - Cover sheet (Face Page prepared by OSPA)
  - Abstract (398 Form Page 2)
  - Budget (398 Form Page 4 and 5—a modular budget should not be used); prepared by the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSPA), Mayo investigators should work with (OSPA) to develop the budget for the proposal. At Mayo Clinic Rochester and Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, contact Sam Rudolph (Rudolph.Samuel@mayo.edu), at Mayo Clinic Arizona, contact Eric Meek (Meek.Eric@mayo.edu).
  - Biographical sketch for PI and other key personnel (398 Format)
  - Resources Page (include those relevant to the application) (398 Format)
  - Research and Training plan – Divided into two components; up to 5 pages can be used for both parts together as needed.
- **Research plan** structured as follows:
  - Specific Aims
  - Background and Significance
  - Preliminary Data if any
  - Research Design
  - Timeline for K- or R- class NIH application which ideally would result from the Pilot Project; including description of key expected results which would lead to a larger application)
  - Please indicate if there is specialized equipment required (as well as availability)
Funds available: At this time, funding is available from the Mayo Clinic Research Committee and open only to internal Mayo Clinic candidates.
- An award for up to a maximum of $50,000 direct costs per year. Salary, fringe benefits and research expenses can be budgeted to this fund.

Timeline:
RFA issued: June 4, 2018
- Mayo OSPA internal deadline for budgets: July 13, 2018
- Applications are due: July 23, 2018 at 5 PM (CDT)
- Applications reviewed: July-August 2018
- Awards are scheduled to be announced: August-September 2018

Please submit applications to Tammy Greenwood (greenwood.tammy@mayo.edu), Rare Kidney Stone Consortium.

Questions:
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