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Request for Research Proposal

Historically SSI has focused its small grants funding on hepatitis C and infectious disease-related proposals, however for 2009 SSI will consider all research proposals related to viral hepatitis. Preference will be given to those proposals that are related to and build upon currently on-going research projects in Egypt. This strategy ensures greater potential for small research studies to produce publishable findings and future grant support. Applicants are invited to submit via email a brief topic summary of proposed research to knygaard@ssilink.org for rapid assessment of the suitability of research proposal before making a formal application submission. Research topics examples are listed below, the list is not comprehensive and does not mean that SSI is interested in only these topics. Research proposal support will range from \$5,000-\$10,000 annually.

Research Proposal Topics Examples

Fatty liver disease and metabolic liver disease topics

Risk factors of fatty liver and metabolic liver diseases: for example, associations between waist size, weight, tricep skinfold, and energy balance in fatty liver disease

Lifestyle and liver disease: observational studies

Viral hepatitis infection control disease topics

Hepatitis C in relation to dialysis—intervention to decrease disease transmission during dialysis and improve infection control

Hepatoma topics

Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) pathogenesis and treatment outcomes

Transplant eligibility

Transplant outcomes

Health outcome/intervention related projects in liver disease

Research Proposal Award Review Criteria

1. Significance: Does the proposed research address an important problem? If the aims of the application are achieved, how will scientific knowledge be advanced? Does the study have the potential to affect public health in the country or the region? **2. Approach:** Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well-integrated, and appropriate to the aim of the project? Does the applicant acknowledge problem areas and consider alternative strategies? **3. Investigator:** Is the investigator well-trained and well-suited to carry out this work? Is the work proposed appropriate to the experience level of the principal investigator and other researchers? **4. Budget plausibility:** Is the proposed budget adequate (neither over- nor under-estimated) to accomplish the stated aims? **5. Sustainability:** Do the researchers have suitable facilities and appropriate resources to perform the proposed work? Is there a high probability that the investigator will continue using these technologies after the project ends? Do the proposed experiments take advantage of unique collaborations?

Research Proposal Application Submission Date

Research proposal applications are due at SSI on May 15, 2009. Research proposal application forms and instructions are available at www.ssilink.org under HEPATITIS IN EGYPT GRANT APPLICATIONS. Directions should be followed carefully. If any information requested is missing, we will not be able to process your application. Research proposal application must be submit via email to knygaard@ssilink.org