

NEW FUNDING CYCLE OPEN – July 2017**The NIH Center for Accelerated Innovation at Cleveland Clinic (NCAI-CC)
Announces the Request for Applications (RFA) for next funding cycle**

For Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve University, The Ohio State University, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Michigan and Northwestern University

The RFA and related forms can be downloaded from www.ncai-cc.ccf.org Technology Development.

Funding is available for promising emerging technologies directed towards diagnosis, treatment or management of cardiovascular, pulmonary, blood or sleep-related disorders. We are seeking projects such as therapeutics (e.g. drugs, biologics), diagnostics, diagnostic systems, devices, tools, etc., in order to facilitate their translation to commercialized products that improve patient care and enhance health.

The NCAI-CC will provide funding and project assistance to advance the development of high priority early-stage technologies within the mission areas of the NHLBI (cardiovascular, lung, blood and sleep disorders).

Expert assistance will be provided in areas required for early technology development, including commercial opportunity assessment, intellectual property, clinical and regulatory, reimbursement, business, legal and project management.

In order to be considered, please submit a **Letter of Intent** by **August 10, 2017 (revised)**.

Contents of the Letter of Intent are prescribed within the RFA, and shall include:

- Letter of Intent Cover Page form
- 2 page narrative including the following elements:
 - Project Definition.
 - Unmet Need, and Market Opportunity.
 - Project Background.
 - Project Plan and Milestones.
- References (not to exceed one page).
- Modified biosketch for lead investigator and up to two co-investigators. Please include education, employment history, current funding, and any history of commercialization activity, patents, etc. (not to exceed 4 pages each).

The full content of the Letter of Intent shall be submitted in a single combined unlocked PDF file.

The Letter of Intent may be submitted at: <http://www.ncai-cc.ccf.org/app/upload/?000&LOI>

Projects will be reviewed on the following criteria: Eligibility (fit for this funding opportunity, appropriate phase of development, feasibility), Clinical Need or Opportunity, Potential for Commercial Success, and Project Scope / Plan.

Timeline:

August 10, 2017.	Letter of Intent submission due (Revised Date).
September 1, 2017.	Selected applicants invited to submit full applications.
October 12, 2017.	Invited application submissions due.

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