MACULAR DEGENERATION RESEARCH

Letter of Intent Template

Due by 11:59 PM EST (Washington, D.C.)

Thursday, July 31, 2014
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<th>Principal Investigator: «Contact_Name»</th>
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<td>Project Title: «Request_Project_Title»</td>
<td>Years of support requested (2 maximum): «Request_Duration»</td>
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<td>Requested Award Amount: «Request_Grant_Amount» (US$80,000 per year max)</td>
<td>Proposed Co-Principal Investigator or Collaborators (if any). Please indicate beside each name whether they are a Co-PI or Collaborator. Please note that Postdoctoral Fellows may be listed as a Co-PI: «Collaborator_Name»</td>
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**Specific Aims (375 word maximum):**

Please number and list the proposed specific aims.

*Word count: ____________*
Proposed Research (2 page maximum):

This must include a description of the objectives and hypothesis, as well as a summarized version of the experimental design and any preliminary results. This award is intended to foster exceptionally creative projects. The proposed work should not represent incremental advancements of existing lines of inquiry. Please include a statement addressing what you believe to be innovative about the proposed research, and how the project will benefit the age-related macular degeneration field. Please include the origins of major non-commercial reagents for the study, and predicted sample sizes where appropriate.
The combined “Literature Cited” and “Investigator Summary” may not exceed a single page.

**Literature Cited:**

**Investigator Summary:**

Preference is given to projects, particularly those of junior investigators, which would not be achievable without the requested support. Senior investigators, or researchers with significant concurrent funding, should use this space to justify the need for support. Titles that are not intuitively identifiable as being that of a person who is trained and capable of leading an independent research effort should be clarified in the space provided. Traditionally, tenure track titles in the USA include Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor. Non-tenure track titles vary significantly between institutions, but usually connote junior investigators who have completed post-doctoral training and have significant independence to pursue original research.
History of Funding (single page maximum):

Briefly list any past BrightFocus funding and resultant publications. Separately list any current funding allocated to the Principal Investigator(s) specifically for macular degeneration research or for work otherwise related to this proposal. Include the duration of the award, title, and total direct costs. Note any scientific overlap in funding related to this proposal.