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CVI SEMINAR SERIES

The next CVI seminar will be held on **Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.** in **Building 120, Room 360**. Our speaker is:

Craig January, M.D.
Professor of Medicine
University of Wisconsin Medical School

The title of Dr. January's talk is:

"HERG Potassium Channels and Long QT Syndrome"

For further information about the CVI Seminar Series, contact Dr. Leanne Cribbs at x72817.

CVI JOURNAL CLUB

February 13.....Dr. Jeske
 February 27.....Dr. Hoppensteadt

For further information, contact Dr. Byron at x72819

CARDIOLOGY - CVI RESEARCH DIVISION BASIC SCIENCE SEMINAR

The Cardiology Division and the CVI Research Division are sponsoring a series of joint seminars by Loyola Faculty. The following seminar is scheduled:

February 21.....Dr. Byron

The title of Dr. Byron's talk is:

**"Vasoconstrictor Mechanisms: Signal Transduction in
 Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells"**

Seminars are held at 12:30 pm in the Cardiology Conference Room, Rm 6291.

For further information, contact Dr. Samarel at X72821.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE CVI

Bayer, A.L., Heidkamp, M.C., Patel, N., Porter, M., Engman, S., Samarel, A.M. Alterations in protein kinase C isoenzyme expression and autophosphorylation during the progression of pressure overload-induced left ventricular hypertrophy. *Mol.Cell.Biochem.* 242(1-2):145-152, 2003.

Kockskämper, J., Blatter, L.A. Subcellular Ca^{2+} alternans represents a novel mechanism for the generation of arrhythmogenic Ca^{2+} waves in cat atrial myocytes. *J. Physiol.(Lond.)* 545(1):65-79, 2002.

Zhou, Z., Bers, D.M. Time course of action of antagonists of mitochondrial Ca uptake in intact ventricular myocytes. *Pflugers Arch.* 445(1):132-138, 2002.

FALK CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are being accepted for Falk Cardiovascular Research Fellowships. Support is for full-time, basic or clinical research by qualified applicants training in cardiovascular sciences under the sponsorship of a Loyola faculty member. Fellowship applicants should hold MD, DO, DVM, and/or PhD degrees with less than 3 years of previous postdoctoral research training. (Faculty members are ineligible). Funds may be used for salary supplementation up to a total of \$31,092 (exclusive of fringe benefits) per fellow. Up to \$5,000 per year may be used for supplies and small equipment. The total budget should not exceed \$39,600. Funding is available for a period of up to 2 years.

Applications are in the form of either an NIH Individual NRSA or an AHA Postdoctoral Fellowship. If a similar extramural postdoctoral fellowship application was previously reviewed externally, applicants should provide pink sheets, and indicate if or how the Falk fellowship proposal differs from the original submission.

A cover letter should include the proposed budget, including other sources of support for the fellow's stipend. Questions about the program should be directed to Allen M. Samarel, MD, Director of Research, CVI at x72821, or via e-mail at asamare@lumc.edu. Applications should be submitted to:

Ms. Georgia Keleher
Administrative Assistant, CVI
Room 5220, Building 110
LUMC

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2003
 Activation date is July 1, 2003, or later

Alan G. Ferguson, M.S., Lab Manager of the Cardiovascular Institute, retired last month after 35 years of service to the cardiovascular research community. Mr. Ferguson worked in CV Research Labs at Harvard Medical School, Northwestern, and LUMC, and helped train over 35 cardiology fellows, postdocs, graduate students, and medical students in laboratory research. Here, Mr. Ferguson (second from left) is joined by Drs. Allen Samarel, Pat Fahey, and Don Bers at his retirement party.



CHANGE IN NIH GRANT RESUBMISSION POLICY

RESUBMISSION OF UNPAID RFA APPLICATIONS AND RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS WITH A CHANGED GRANT ACTIVITY MECHANISM

RELEASE DATE: January 16, 2003

NOTICE: NOT-OD-03-019

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE: The majority of grant applications submitted to NIH each year are investigator-initiated. However, the Institutes and Centers of NIH also solicit grant applications on specific topics through the use of Requests for Applications (RFAs). With this notice the NIH is changing its practice regarding resubmission of three categories of grant applications. Those categories include:

1. Applications that were originally submitted in response to an RFA and then resubmitted as an investigator-initiated application.
2. Applications that were originally submitted as investigator-initiated applications and subsequently resubmitted in response to an RFA.
3. Applications that were originally submitted using one grant mechanism and subsequently resubmitted using a different grant mechanism (for example, an application that was originally an R01 and then is resubmitted as an R21). Since an RFA often has special considerations of eligibility, scientific scope, and review criteria, it is felt that most unfunded applications should be resubmitted as NEW applications. Similarly, a change of grant mechanism (from an R01 to an R21 or from an R03 to R01, for example) usually involves a change of eligibility criteria, application characteristics, dollar limits, time limits, or review criteria. This also suggests that consideration as a new application is the most appropriate course. Because the application will be new, it will be easier to conform to the new application requirements, which should advantage the applicant

in the review process. Additionally, submission of a new application will allow the applicant to fully benefit from the NIH policy that allows an applicant to submit two revisions within two years (see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/amendedapps.htm>).

NEW APPLICATIONS: The new application must be submitted on the scheduled due dates for new applications (see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>). It must not include an Introduction describing the changes and improvements made; and the text must not be marked to indicate the changes. While the investigator may still benefit from the previous review, the application is not to state explicitly how. The reviewers will not be provided with the previous summary statement. The investigator will be allowed to submit the new application and up to two revised versions of this application, should that be necessary.

POLICY: This general policy on application resubmission, stated below, applies to all grant mechanisms that might be solicited via an RFA and to instances where there is a change in mechanism. There may, however, be exceptions to this policy, which will be clearly identified in the original RFA or in a follow-up RFA.

1. When an application that was submitted in response to an RFA is not funded and the investigator wishes to resubmit an application on this topic as an investigator-initiated application, it is to be submitted as a NEW application, unless provisions for submission of a revised application are clearly delineated in the RFA. In addition, if a subsequent RFA specifically solicits revisions of unfunded applications from a previous RFA, the instructions in the second RFA should be followed. In all other cases, applications submitted in response to an RFA and then resubmitted as an investigator-initiated application must be submitted as a NEW application.
2. When a previously unfunded application, originally submitted as an investigator-initiated application is to be submitted in response to an RFA, it is to be prepared as a NEW application.
3. When an unfunded application that was reviewed for a particular research grant mechanism (for example, R01) is to be submitted for a different grant mechanism (for example, R03), it is to be prepared as a NEW application.

This change in policy is effective for applications submitted on or after May 10, 2003 so it includes all applications going to January 2004 councils.

For further information please contact:

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