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Target Identification in Lupus Competitive Renewal (TILR) Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Target Identification in Lupus Competitive Renewal (TILR) grant?

A: The TILR grant is a competitive renewal of the Target Identification in Lupus (TIL) grants that demonstrate substantial progress during the initial phase of funding with a high likelihood that the research will lead to new treatments in lupus. A successful renewal application will: (1) have achieved measurable progress in the initial funding period; (2) focus on target identification in humans; (3) develop a research strategy that will confirm the validity of a particular target; and; (4) create a concept for development of therapeutics (pre-clinical model). As such, these grants should be innovative in direction and utilize state-of-the-art techniques in genetics, immunology, cell biology and molecular biology to identify and characterize molecular systems that will be targeted for drug development. These studies can be initiated or conducted in either humans or animals, although any work on animals must include a plan for extension and verification in patient populations.

Q: How long is the award period?

A: TILR Grants will be awarded for two-years. Individual applicants may request up to \$275,000 USD per year for a maximum of two years. Collaborative projects, involving other investigators, institutions, government agencies, and/or industry, will be viewed favorably. Documentation of all other support is also required, as the ALR will not provide overlapping support. Total indirect costs are not to exceed 8% of the total amount.

Q: Who can apply for this grant?

A: Eligibility is open to individuals who have received an ALR Target Identification in Lupus grant.

Q: How are applications submitted?

A: Applications are to be submitted electronically through Altum proposalCENTRAL (<https://proposalcentral.altum.com>). Instructions and applications forms should be downloaded from the Altum proposalCENTRAL website and the completed proposal submitted electronically. In addition, applicants are required to submit the original grant application, containing the signatures of both the applicant and the application's institution, and two copies to:

Alliance for Lupus Research
Attention: Research Administration Department
28 West 44th Street, Suite 501
New York, New York 10036
Phone: (212) 218-2840

Q: Does a paper copy of the TILR application need to be submitted in addition to the submission in proposalCENTRAL?

A: In order for an application to be complete, the “original” application and two copies (3 paper copies of the application in total) must be submitted to the above address by the application deadline including all signatures and attachments.

Q: Can I submit more than one application for this type of grant?

A: No, only one TILR application may be submitted per TIL application.

Q: Is a letter of intent (LOI) required?

A: No, a letter of intent is not required.

Q: Should letters from project collaborators be included with the grant application?

A: Yes, signed letters from all project collaborators should be included in the application. These should be uploaded directly while completing the applications in the proposalCENTRAL website.

Q: How will the applications be reviewed?

A: All applications are subject to peer review. The Alliance for Lupus Research (ALR) will utilize a triage process to limit the number of proposals that will receive a detailed examination by the full review committee. Results from the initial peer review will be forwarded to the ALR Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB will consider the recommendations from the Study Section, as well as review the existing ALR portfolio to determine which applications would complement existing grants or address an unfilled area of research. The SAB will submit their recommendations to the ALR Board of Directors. The ALR Board of Directors will make all final funding decisions.

Q: What is the grant timeline?

A: The grant timeline is as follows:

March 30, 2009	TILR RFA Distributed
July 30, 2009	TIL and TIL Renewal Grant Application Due
November 2009	Grant Review Meeting
December 2009	Scientific Advisory Board Meeting & Board of Directors Meeting – grant approval
January 2010	Funding notification to all applicants
February 2, 2010	Grant activation date

Q: Can the grant submission deadline be extended?

A: The deadline for grant submission will not be extended. All electronic applications must be submitted by July 30, 2009 at 5pm EST. All paper applications must be postmarked by July 30, 2009 and received in the ALR office within 7 business days after the electronic submission deadline. Please contact the ALR if you are having any problems completing the application and we will assist you in submitting the application on time.

Q: Can materials be added to an application once it is submitted?

A: Prior to the review period a request for supplemental information will be sent to all applicants along with a deadline for submission. The supplemental material can consist of: (1) a written summary of any additional

information (maximum two pages); (2) copies of publications or manuscripts submitted for review related to the original TIL Grant awarded (maximum five publications).

Q: Once my application is submitted and reviewed will I have the opportunity to view the critiques submitted by the reviewers?

A: After the funding decisions are made TILR applicants will have the opportunity view the written critiques of the applications submitted as submitted by reviewers of their application. It is against the ALR's policy to provide scores or ranking information to applicants.

Q: Where can the ALR Intellectual Property and Patent Policy be found?

A: The ALR's policy on intellectual property and patent ownership will be provided upon request.

Q: Who should I contact with questions about grant submission and administration?

A: Questions concerning the paper submission or administration of the grant application should be directed to the ALR Research Administration Department at (212) 218-2840.

Q: Who should I contact with technical questions about the Altum proposalCENTRAL site (i.e. unable to log in, trouble uploading files, etc.)?

A: For help with the electronic grant application process, please contact the help desk of Altum proposalCENTRAL by email at pcsupport@altum.com. You may also contract them by phone at 1-800-875-2562, extension 227.