The Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Center for the Science of Healthcare Delivery at Mayo Clinic and the Arizona State University Office of Knowledge Enterprise Development are pleased to announce a Request for Proposal.

Section 1- Goals:

- To accelerate high-yield scientific partnerships between Mayo clinical investigators and ASU scientists engaged in the science of healthcare delivery. Scientific domains of interest include bioethics, dissemination and implementation research, healthcare economics, health care systems engineering, industrial engineering, health disparities and equity, health policy analysis, health services research (including quality and safety), operations research, performance and quality management and social and behavioral sciences research.
- Provides one additional year of funding to accelerate the next stage of research agenda development for existing, high-yield collaborative ASU-Mayo partnerships.
- Proof of existing, successful partnership between the ASU and Mayo PI must be clearly demonstrated in the requested LOI and subsequent application, by successful award of prior joint intramural or extramural funding, and/or joint publications. Successful teams will have a clear and evident prior trajectory of prior collaboration. This RFA is not for new collaborations, but for existing, successful team science collaborations in healthcare delivery.
- It is expected that the successful investigative team will submit a large, federal grant within 12 months of award completion using the same Mayo and ASU PIs.
- Submitted science must be ready for implementation in a clinical setting. Science that is in the formative or development phase is not appropriate for this funding mechanism.
- We encourage applications in clinical areas associated with Mayo’s competitive market plan. These include 1) complex care management; 2) transplant; 3) neuroscience; 4) cancer care, and 5) cardiovascular disease.

Section 2- Eligibility:

- ASU tenured, tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty; and Mayo Clinic consultant, senior associate consultant, and/or Mayo Clinic College of Medicine non-consultant faculty are eligible.
- Each proposal must identify a single principal investigator (PI) representing each organization.
- The locus of clinical research activity must be Mayo Clinic Arizona (Scottsdale and/or Phoenix campus).
- Only one application per research team will be accepted and an individual PI is eligible for only one award in this funding opportunity.
- Proof of existing, successful partnership between the ASU and Mayo PI must be demonstrated by successful award of prior joint intramural or extramural funding and/or joint publications, in the LOI, and is requisite for RFA eligibility.

Section 3- Letter of Intent Process and Deadlines:

- Submit a one page Letter of Intent (LOI) providing a high level description of the research topic and how this ASU-Mayo PI team is competitive for this grant.
• LOI must address specifically how the proposed team and science meets the stated goals of this RFA, as listed above in Section 1.
• Deadline for LOI is July 1, 2016 at 5pm, via email to Karen Dobbins, M.B.A.
• Successful LOIs will be notified if they are to proceed to full application submission, within 30 days of the LOI deadline. The LOI does not need to be submitted through either the ASU ORSPA or the Mayo OSPA offices.

Section 4- Evaluation Criteria:

  o Successful applicant(s) will demonstrate an active, hands-on role of both the ASU and Mayo Clinic Investigators.
  o Proof of existing, successful partnership between the ASU and Mayo PI must be clearly demonstrated by successful award of prior joint intramural or extramural funding, and/or joint publications. Successful teams will have a clearly articulated prior trajectory of prior collaboration together. This RFA is not for new collaborations.
  o The competitive nature of the proposed research agenda must be demonstrated, as identified by priorities articulated by extramural funding agencies (NIH, PCORI, and AHRQ).
  o It is expected that the successful collaborative team will demonstrate how prior intramural or extramural pilot funding has been used to strategically build the proposed research agenda for a future extramural grant, using the same PIs.
  o The application will demonstrate the ability to be immediately applicable to the Mayo Clinic practice environment.
  o The application must be hypothesis driven and include a well-designed study with clear milestones and deliverables.
  o The co-applicants, within 12 months of the award, will demonstrate the competitive ability to acquire significant extramural, peer-review federal funding with a total budget of at least 10 times the amount of the requested investment, using the same PIs.

Section 5- Selection process:

Invited full applications will be reviewed by the AZ-CSHCD. The top application teams will be invited to a face-to-face interview in November 2016. Successful applicants will be notified within 7 days of the face-to-face interviews. Final protocols will need to be submitted to ASU ORSPA and Mayo OSPA offices for budget creation. Budgets to be included in full application packet. ***Award funding (January 1, 2017) is contingent on successful IRB approval by both Mayo Clinic and ASU.***

More Information:

For questions or further information, please contact program manager, Karen Dobbins, M.B.A.