

Application Due Date: Friday 19th January 2018, 11:59 pm (local time)

Cure CMD is pleased to announce availability of research funding for 3 grants, one for each of three specific CMD subtypes: Collagen VI, LAMA-2 (Merosin) and SEPN1 (SELENON).

Note: each CMD subtype constitutes one competing application for Research Project Awards independent of the other two subtypes.

Funding Opportunities

Collagen VI: Research Grants for project duration of up to 2 years. Cure CMD will cover any combination of salary and consumables up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year. The purpose of this RFA is to promote discovery of underlying disease mechanisms and preclinical development of potential therapies, as well as the clinical translation of those efforts. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, understanding the cause of disease, understanding tissue-specific phenotypes, unraveling pathways involved in disease, identifying novel drug targets or gene therapies, and testing new strategies to treat disease or any of its incapacitating consequences (e.g. contractures, respiratory function decline). In addition, applications may propose to create or improve disease models (e.g. animal models, patient-derived cell models), biomarkers or functional outcome measures to assess' therapeutic impact.

LAMA-2 (Merosin): Research Grants for project duration of up to 2 years. Cure CMD will cover any combination of salary and consumables up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year. The purpose of this RFA is to promote discovery of underlying disease mechanisms and preclinical development of potential therapies, as well as the clinical translation of those efforts. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, translational efforts for "linker" protein strategies, understanding the cause of disease, unraveling pathways involved in disease, identifying novel drug targets or gene therapies, and testing new strategies to treat disease or any of its detrimental consequences (e.g. fibrosis, seizures, respiratory function decline). In addition, applications may propose to create patient-derived cell models/assays development or systematic biomarker discovery or functional outcome measures validation to assess' therapeutic impact.

SEPN1 (SELENON): Research Grants for project duration of up to 2 years. Cure CMD will cover any combination of salary and consumables up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year. The purpose of this RFA is to promote discovery of underlying disease mechanisms and preclinical development of potential therapies, as well as the clinical translation of those efforts. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, understanding the cause of disease, unraveling pathways involved in disease, identifying novel drug targets or gene therapies, and testing new strategies to treat disease or any of its incapacitating consequences (e.g. contractures, respiratory function decline). We also encourage applications proposing to create or improve disease models (e.g. animal models, patient-derived cell models), biomarkers or functional outcome measures to assess' therapeutic impact.

Eligibility

This opportunity is open to all international researchers. Applicants must hold a minimum academic position of Assistant Professor (US) or equivalent and hold a contract which extends beyond the duration of the proposed grant period. If you currently hold a Cure CMD funded project or were funded in the past, and have yet to submit your final progress report, you may still apply. In these cases, please attach progress report (maximum 3 pages) in order to continue eligibility.

How to apply

Download the **Cure CMD Grant Application**, and carefully review Cure CMD's **Grant Guidelines** and **Grant Policy** documents prior to completing the Grant Application form. Completed applications can be submitted via one of the following on or before **Friday 19th January 2018, 11:59 pm** (your local Institution time):

Email to: grants@curecmd.org

File Upload: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/QBsOXDGOSeq5bX6CX02D>

Joint Funding Opportunity with MDUK/Cure CMD for LMNA: The purpose of this international invitation for LMNA-CMD research is to promote discovery of underlying disease mechanisms and preclinical development of potential therapies, as well as the clinical translation of those efforts. We are particularly interested in receiving applications focused on unravelling pathways involved in skeletal muscle or cardiac muscle pathology, and identifying novel drug targets or gene therapies. In addition, applications may propose to create or improve disease models (e.g. animal models, patient-derived cell models), biomarkers or functional outcome measures to assess therapeutic impact.

For more information about this LMNA funding opportunity: Please reach out via email to: ResearchGrants@muscular dystrophyuk.org or by phone at 020 7803 4812.