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Bright Futures Young Investigator Award Program Supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics

The Bright Futures Young Investigator Award Program funds projects aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and evidence base for health supervision in primary care, consistent with the *Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision for Infants, Children and Adolescent, 3rd Edition*. The Bright Futures Young Investigator Award Program is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration/Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) in cooperation with the American Academy of Pediatrics. Through the process described below, the program may grant up to \$15,000 per selected project. This is the third cycle of funds available for this program focused specifically on evidence-based health supervision. We anticipate providing up to 6 awards, although the number of awards will be dependent on the size of the grant requests of the selected projects.

This funding will support studies using *Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision for Infants, Children and Adolescent, Third Edition* and *Bright Futures Tool and Resource Guide*, such as:

1. The effectiveness of health supervision,
2. Translation of available science to practice for preventive services, and
3. Promotion of effective preventive service delivery.

The specifics of this program are as follows:

- The principal investigator of any proposal submitted must be a member of the APA or have submitted an application for membership. Preference will be given to NEW investigators, including those in training. **New investigators are defined as: 1) faculty members who are no more than five years out from completion of all training; 2) fellows; or 3) residents. The principal investigator also must submit a biographical sketch using the standard two-page NIH biosketch form and a letter of support from a mentor with the initial two-page proposal. These documents do not count toward the page count.**
- Proposals submitted should address an important gap in the evidence base for preventive services **using the Bright Futures materials**. The awards will be one-time; multiple-year funding requests will not be considered. Preference will be given to those proposals that have the potential of leading to projects of a larger or longer-term nature as well as to proposals that go beyond merely describing poor quality of health supervision. To that end, proposals that link with child health outcomes or lead to actionable next steps will be more favorably considered. **Possible projects might include, but are not limited to: studies that examine the components of a well-child visit, including communication, parental perception, clinician and parental knowledge; clinician adherence to recommendations; and the feasibility of**

using the Bright Futures tools. The Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision for Infants, Children and Adolescent, Third Edition can be accessed under the “materials” tab at: brightfutures.aap.org. The Bright Futures Tool and Resource Kit can be accessed under the “clinical practice” tab at brightfutures.aap.org.

- **Initial proposals** must be received by **November 7, 2011, by 5 pm ET**. These initial proposals must include the following items:** Only electronic submissions will be accepted. All required components must be submitted online at the following address:
<http://www.academicpediatrics.org/members/yentry/login.cfm>.
 - **Cover sheet** indicating title of project, name, and contact information including e-mail address for principal investigator and funding path name (APA, MCHB/Bright Futures or ROR).
 - **Description of the proposal**-- not more than **two single-spaced pages** in length including the budget and budget justification and must use a font size no smaller than Arial 11 with 1” margins. This section must provide a brief overview of the project including the aims, background, methods, evaluation, and significance of the study. The cover sheet and references are not included in the two-page limit. Please adhere strictly to these requirements- failure to do so will result in return of the application without further review.
 - **Budget and budget justification**-- This should *not* include overhead (indirect costs), salary for salary for the PI or mentors, or equipment for long-term use (e.g., computers). A maximum of \$1,000 is allowable for travel to the annual PAS meeting.
 - **Biographical sketch** using the standard NIH biosketch form. For this purpose, the biosketch is not to exceed two pages. The biosketch also needs to be resubmitted with the full proposal and does not count towards the page limit. The form can be found at the following site: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.doc> Instructions for filling out the form can be found at the following link: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.doc>
 - **Letter of support from the primary mentor** including *the plan for communication with the mentee*. A typed signature is acceptable if an electronic signature is not available. This letter of support also needs to be resubmitted with the full proposal and does not count towards the page limit.
- A review panel, convened by the Chair of the APA Research Committee, will review the submitted proposals, and identify those that warrant further elaboration. Those proposals so identified will be notified by **December 7, 2011**, and have a **January 6, 2012, by 5 pm ET**, deadline for submission of a full proposal.
- **Full proposals** must include the following items:**
 - The entire proposal, including cover sheet, tables, budget, references, and appendices, **must not exceed 10 double-spaced pages**, using a font size no smaller than Arial 11 and 1” margins.
 - A cover sheet must be included, indicating the project title, and PI name and contact information, including contact information for the primary mentor.

- Specific aims, background; preliminary studies (if applicable), detailed methods, evaluation, timeline (the project must be completed within 1 year), description of key personnel; and detailed budget with justification (see restrictions listed above),
 - Goals for faculty development related to preventive services research,
 - Biographical sketch using the standard 2-page NIH biosketch form, and
 - Letter of support from the primary mentor, including the plan for communication with the mentee. The APA will provide an additional \$1000/project as an honorarium for the primary mentor for awarded grants; this amount should NOT be included in the proposal budget.
- A second study section convened by the APA Research Committee Chair will review and score the full proposals and prepare 1 – 2 page summary review that will be sent to applicants. Funding decisions will be based on the results of the study section review. The number of proposals approved and funded will be determined by the funds available for the given year. The awardees will be announced at the annual 2012 PAS meeting.
 - Review criteria for full proposals include: relevance of the proposed project, likelihood of project success and contribution to the evidence-base, support from the home institution as well as commitment of the research mentor, and overall quality of the submission.
 - Awards will be made with the condition that work begins by **March 2012** and is completed within one year. Awardees are encouraged to submit abstracts to a PAS meeting and to submit results to the APA journal, *Academic Pediatrics*, for possible publication.
 - Awardees are required to submit to the APA Board a progress report of the funded project at the end of nine months and upon completion of the project.
 - Three additional grantee requirements are intended to enhance career development.
 - First, awardees will be paired with a National Facilitator, an accomplished, nationally recognized senior investigator from an institution other than the PI's. The facilitator will be available to provide advice and input on the project; complement the PI's mentor by offering additional mentoring on an as needed basis; supply networking opportunities for awardees in their field; provide career advice to awardees regarding future academic pursuits; and be in regular communication with the awardee, via phone calls, e-mails, and in-person meetings at the annual PAS meeting.
 - Second, grantees will be required to participate in conference calls (3x/year).
 - Third, awardees will be required to attend a 1-day meeting in the fall of 2012; additional travel funds will be provided.

*****Please Note – Incomplete submissions and proposals that exceed page limits will not be forwarded to the review team.***