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## Instructions for 2020 VeloSano Trainee Dream Experiment Fellowships

### Eligibility:

Fellowship applicants must be Case CCC Trainee Associate Members (apply here:

<https://case.edu/cancer/training-education/trainee-associate-membership>

- Trainees are defined as 1.) graduate or medical students, 2.) postdoctoral scholars or fellows, or 3.) medical residents or fellows working on a **cancer-focused project**. Postdocs, residents, and fellows must be within the first five years of their post-doctoral training.
- **All awardees are expected to participate in VeloSano 2020 or 2021 (as a rider, virtual rider, or volunteer).**
- Awardees must present their research progress when requested by the Case CCC.

### Proposals will be limited to 3 pages and include the following:

- Research Plan (up to *2 pages*, including preliminary data).
  - Section 1: Significance
  - Section 2: Innovation
  - Section 3: Specific Aims and Approach
- Description of how the proposed “dream experiment” adds to the current project and how it aligns with the Cancer Center initiatives/strategic plan (*~0.5 page*).
- Budget and budget justification (*~0.5 page*); note that personnel costs (stipends/salaries) and travel costs are excluded. Justification is necessary if off-site core facilities are used rather than Case CCC cores.
- **Provide a statement attesting that the Trainee has either (i) participated in VeloSano 2020 or (ii) will participate in VeloSano 2021 (as a rider, virtual rider, or volunteer).**
- Note that all funds must be expended within the 6 month funding period, extensions will not be granted.

### Additional information that should be submitted, but is not included in the 3 page limit includes:

- **Cover Page** that includes the Project Title, Trainee Name, Mentor Name, Institution and Department. A list of all relevant co-investigators with brief statements of their contributions should be included.
- **NIH Biosketches** for Trainee and Primary Mentor (up to 5 pages each)
- **References Cited**
- **Letters of Support**, if necessary for the conduct/interpretation of the experiment.

### Important Dates:

- **Due Date:**  
All materials must be submitted to Damian Junk (damian.junk@case.edu) by midnight **October 14, 2020**
- **Committee Review:**  
A mock Study Section will review applications **November 9-11, 2020**  
Awards will be announced **December 2020**
- **Award Activation:**  
Awards will be activated early **January 2021**
- **Award Spending Deadline:**  
All funds for the award must be expended by **June 30, 2021**, **no** extensions will be approved.

### Review Criteria:

- Projects address an important biological, clinical, or population-based research problem.
- ***Dream experiment is highly innovative, potentially impactful, and is appropriately designed.***

- All materials to complete the project are readily available; the experiment(s) can be completed within 6 months of activation.
- The environment is appropriate for completion of the experiment. The mentor's laboratory is equipped to facilitate the project and appropriate co-investigators are engaged in the project.
- The fellowship will increase the likelihood of subsequent national fellowship/career development funding, publication, or presentation of the trainee's research at a national conference.
- The research project is expected to contribute to at least one impactful publication.

**Obligations of Awardees:**

- Acknowledgement of support from VeloSano Bike to Cure and Case CCC in all publications and media releases associated with the supported project.
- Timely submission of data and stewardship reports upon request from the Case CCC.
- Presentation of progress in Case CCC-sponsored symposia.
- Participation of in VeloSano Bike to Cure in 2020 or 2021.