Subject: Hood Foundation 2020 Major Grants Initiative to Advance Child Health

Program Description: The Charles H. Hood Foundation 2020 Major Grants Initiative to Advance Child Health program supports outstanding investigators conducting innovative and transformative research in Neonatology or Brain Science and Child Development. The overall goal of the Program remains the funding of translational or clinical research that will improve child health, children's clinical outcomes or improve health care access, affordability, and quality. The Major Grants Initiative is a component of the Hood Foundation's research funding portfolio. Since 1942, the Foundation has supported investigators at New England research institutions to improve the health and quality of life for children. The Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program has launched the careers of 616 junior faculty whose discoveries have contributed to significant improvements in child health. Since 1989, the Foundation has also supported 47 Postdoctoral Fellows conducting projects spanning the continuum from basic laboratory research to clinical and health services research.

Selection Criteria: The Trustees will use the following criteria as a guide in selecting which candidates to invite back for Full Proposal submissions:

- Investigators: Qualifications of the Principal Investigator and evidence of exceptional creativity. Where applicable, the qualifications of the entire collaborative research team will be considered.
- Innovation: Research Project is highly innovative in methodology, research hypotheses, or patient population.
- Impact: Successful proposals must describe research that would likely lead to important improvements in child health, knowledge of child health and disease, or children’s clinical outcomes or health care access, affordability, and quality.

For more information about application materials and eligibility for the Major Grants Initiative to Advance Child Health Program view the Program Guidelines page.

Funding Information: $450,000 over two years.

Internal Selection Process: BU and BMC can submit one application for each institution. Interested investigators should submit the following materials via InfoReady Review by Friday, April 19, 2019:

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application;
- A brief (one-page) statement by the candidate describing his or her significant scientific work and immediate research plans;
- Up-to-date CV in current Biosketch format (must use biosketch format).
A faculty committee drawn from both campuses will review internal proposals and select nominees. Foundation Relations will work with the nominees to develop and submit the institutional nomination letter and applicant materials by Tuesday May 28th, 12:00pm.

**DEADLINES:** **Internal Deadline:** Friday, April 19, 2019 | **Sponsor LOI Deadline:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019. **Invited Full Proposal Deadline:** September 16, 2019

In requesting to be considered for this limited submission funding opportunity, you are making a commitment, if selected, to submit your proposal to the sponsor in a timely manner and to Sponsored Programs in accordance with the [Proposal Submission Policy](#).