LIMITED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

TO: BUMC Faculty
FROM: Andrew W. Taylor, PhD, Associate Dean for Research, BUSM
DATE: Dec. 13, 2021

SUBJECT: SebastianStrong Foundation Discover Science Award

OBJECTIVES: SebastianStrong Foundation is a 501c3 organization committed to raising awareness about and finding less toxic cures for pediatric cancers. SebastianStrong’s Discovery Science Award 2022 will be awarded to an individual or team of researchers whose proposal is focused primarily on pediatric cancers in general, or a specific pediatric cancer without a high survival rate or one with a low survival rate upon relapse. Please note that winning proposals in the past have been those that most closely meet these four submission guidelines:

1. It is focused on pediatric cancer
2. Will lead to “less toxic” cures
3. Can be understood by the foundation’s Board and donors
4. May lead to a clinical trial in 1-3 years

The foundation will consider peer-reviewed new, ongoing, and updated research, but trials in progress or ongoing clinical trials are not acceptable.

FUNDING INFORMATION: Budgets are flexible, but awards are typically between $100,000-$300,000

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS: SebastianStrong’s Discovery Science Award 2022 will be awarded to an individual or team of researchers whose proposal is focused primarily on pediatric cancers in general, or a specific pediatric cancer without a high survival rate or one with a low survival rate upon relapse. A limit of two proposals may be submitted from the same institution, researcher or foundation.

INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS: Interested BUMC faculty should submit the following materials listed below via InfoReady Review by Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. If you are a BMC investigator and wish to apply for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer Fleming, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants at jennifer.fleming@bmc.org before Friday, Dec. 17, 2021.

- Questions outlined in InfoReady Review application;
- A brief statement (up to 2 pages) about the candidate describing their scientific achievements and proposed project;
- A brief budget outline for the proposed project;
- Up-to-date CV or biosketch.

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 1/10/2022.

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.