

June 29, 2021

School of Medicine Office of Research call for supplements to mitigate negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on research programs

The SOM Office of Research (OoR) would like to support SOM faculty who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and do not have significant research funding to mitigate these impacts. These funds can be used for a number of purposes, including supporting graduate students, postdocs or fellows in the faculty's research program as well as research supplies. All faculty, including junior physician scientist faculty on fellowships or faculty on time-limited research awards, are welcome to apply. However, priority will be given to early-career faculty in the first 5 years of their faculty appointment who do not have sufficient funding to support their programs.

Applicants should not have more than \$100K of discretionary funds available.

SOM ***Forward Together*** strategic plan funds will provide supplemental funding of up to \$20K per faculty investigator to support their research programs. These funds can be used towards supplies or personnel. We anticipate giving out 15-20 awards.

- Please include a description of the research project (half page)
- Please include a description of how the supplemental support will aid in mitigating specific impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the project and investigator (half page). This description should include the severity of these impacts and justification details for how these funds will be used. Funds may be requested to support students, postdocs, fellows and lab supplies.
- Please include a list of all external and internal funding available to the faculty member with the dollar amounts (including start-up, retention and professorships, if any).
- Please include an NIH biosketch for the faculty member requesting the funds

Applications are due by **Friday July 19, 2021**. Please email applications as a single PDF to OoR_Submissions@med.unc.edu