Seed funds are for translational research projects, translational being defined broadly as research addressing a clinically relevant “condition”, intervention or target. In other words, the research itself can be basic science and does not need to be “clinical”.

The projects need to lead to a grant application for external funding; the primary goal of seed funds is to generate necessary preliminary data. At this point, emphasis is on proposals that can reasonably be expected to lead to a grant application by the end of the seed fund period (1 Year).

Application Process

1. Submit Letter of intent (LOI) with short description of proposed project, use of funds and plan for external grant application.
2. Schedule a chalktalk explaining and discussing the plan to get feedback for full application.
3. If invited, a full application is required.

The following items must be included for full application:

- Abstract (NIH style; 1 page)
- Specific Aims (NIH; brief introduction/knowledge gap and goal-hypothesis – aims – experiments – impact on field, 1 page)
- Significance and Innovation (NIH; 1 page)
- Outline of “Experimental Design” (experiments and rationale) and preliminary data needed (2-3 pages)
- Budget request (justify; 1 year, up to $30k)

***Scope and requirements may be adjusted in the future as needed, and any suggestions are greatly appreciated.***