The Department of Pediatrics manages a portfolio of philanthropic funds designated to support research in pediatrics. These funds are disseminated twice annually through a peer-review competition program. Research activities can be clinical, basic, translational, or health services in nature as prescribed by the intent of the award. Applicants may re-submit revised applications that were not funded in the prior cycle. Unless otherwise stated, funds may be used for research personnel salary support, supplies, and research equipment. Award funds may not be used for faculty salary support, cost overruns or retroactive funding, publications, grant preparation costs, travel, hosting, renovations, office equipment, or indirect costs (F&A).

Applications are invited for the following internal research funding opportunities:

**Mechanisms Only for Mid-Career or Junior Faculty in the Department of Pediatrics:**

- **Gorman Scholar Award ($50,000):** Must be at the rank of Lecturer, Instructor, Assistant Professor, or Associate Professor. The award is potentially renewable for an additional year. The award must lead to submission of a new external grant application within 18 months of funding.

- **Janette Ferrantino Investigator Award ($40,000):** Must be at the rank of Lecturer, Instructor, or Assistant Professor and be within the first three years of appointment at the University of Michigan. The award is potentially renewable for an additional year.

- **Elizabeth E. Kennedy (Children’s Research) Fund ($20,000):** Must be at the rank of Lecturer, Instructor, or Assistant Professor. Areas of particular interest include developmental biology, genetic and translational research.

**Mechanisms for Faculty of any rank with a Primary Appointment in the Department of Pediatrics:**

- **Charles Woodson Accelerator Award ($100,000):** This award provides the necessary seed funds to support significant and innovative research relevant to children’s health that will lead to a successful NIH R01 award. The award is not intended for faculty with substantial start-up or discretionary funds in their accounts. The investigator must submit at R01 application by the end of the 1-year funding period, and this R01 must retain > 50% of incoming indirect costs in the Department of Pediatrics (as opposed to going to subaccounts to other units or subcontracts to other universities). Funds unspent at the end of the 1-year award period must be relinquished or strong justification for an extension must be provided and will undergo review. If the resulting grant application at the end of the funding period is not an R01, the indirect cost rate for the mechanism must be similar. The awardee must provide regular (at least every 6 month) updates on expenditures and research progress to the Pediatric Research Office. If the applicant is requesting the funds to support the A1 application (resubmission of an A0 to NIH), the applicant must explain the rationale and provide the summary statements. Use of any funds for travel must be carefully justified.

- **Charles Woodson Collaborative Research Award ($50,000):** This award focuses on support for innovative pilot projects in pediatric/children’s health research through an interdisciplinary team approach that includes at least one UM faculty co-investigator from another Department or UM School. Collaboration with faculty from other Mott Hospital units will be favorably viewed.

- **Charles Woodson Pilot Research Award ($15-20,000):** This award is to support innovative pilot projects in pediatric/children’s health research.
Charles Woodson Biostatistics Award ($5000): This award supports costs for consultation with relevant experts in study design and data analysis for new and on-going clinical, translational, or health services research projects. Funds can be used to support biostatistical consultation within the University of Michigan.

Children’s Health Research Award ($20,000): This award supports high merit, innovative pilot projects in pediatric/children’s health research.

Pediatric Health Disparities Award ($15-20,000): This award supports research projects addressing disparities in pediatric health and healthcare related to race/ethnicity. Proposals including trainees as co-investigators are encouraged as are proposals addressing disparities in the context of global health.

James and Lynelle Holden Research Award ($15,000): This award supports newborn research or research being conducted within the Holden Research Laboratories.

Amendt-Heller Award for Newborn Research ($20,000): This award supports newborn research.

Benz Birth Defects Research Award ($20,000): This award supports birth defects research.

Nancy Newton Loeb Pediatric Cancer Research Award ($25,000): This award supports cancer research.

Gracie’s Fund – Leukemia Research Award ($20,000): This award supports leukemia research (especially relapsed and complicated leukemias).

**Application Guidelines**

**NOTE:** Faculty may submit only one application per application cycle. However, faculty may submit one Charles Woodson Research Accelerator Award application and/or Woodson Biostatistics Award application and one other application. (See specific requirements below.)

- Research Proposal: (*Format application with single space, 0.5” margins all around; Use Arial 11 point font; no appendices will be accepted.*). Submit/upload application as a single PDF.

(i) **Cover Page** indicating (a) project title; (b) applicant name, academic title, date of appointment to Department of Pediatrics; (c) contact information; and (d) targeted funding mechanism(s).

(ii) **Introduction to Revised Application** for Resubmission, consisting of responses to the prior reviews one page maximum.

(iii) **Proposal Narrative:** *four page maximum* specifying hypothesis, specific aims, background & significance and research plans (preliminary data, while helpful, are not required); *see exception for Woodson Accelerator and Woodson Biostatistics awards below.*

(iv) **Impact Statement:** one half page maximum describing, how the funds will enhance your research program (e.g. to enhance the development of an independent research program, or a new research initiative).

(v) **Budget:** one page maximum describing how the funds will be used including supplies and personnel.

(vi) **Literature Cited:** one page maximum.

- NIH style **biosketch** (new 5-page format) of PI and all co-investigators and collaborators

- **Other active/pending support** (including dollar amounts, % effort, start/end dates of all current and submitted applications).
• Include the names of three UM Department of Pediatrics faculty members who could provide an objective review of your proposal, and who have no conflict of interests with the application. For the Woodson Accelerator Award, applicants may include names of faculty from other Medical School departments who could provide an expert, objective review.

**Specific / Additional Application Requirements**

- **Charles Woodson Research Accelerator Award**: Proposal narrative is limited to six page maximum
- **Charles Woodson Biostatistics Award**: Proposal narrative is limited to two page maximum specifying background and objectives, overview of data set to be analyzed, information about prior and on-going statistical consultation, anticipated results and implications, and listing of collaborators.

**Submission**

Submit one PDF of all application materials via Competition Space by **September 15, 2016** by 11:59 PM.

Contact for information: Jackie Torres at 763-9150; jjtorres@umich.edu.

**Reporting**

Successful applicants will be required to submit a post-funding research summary and acknowledge this funding mechanism in research publications or presentations supported by each fund.

➢ ‘GRANT WRITING CONSULTATION’ Opportunity

We are offering faculty with less experience writing grants the opportunity to receive constructive feedback from Dr. Janet Gilsdorf prior to submitting their applications. Dr. Gilsdorf has a long history of successful grant writing and mentoring the Pediatric faculty and fellows around grant writing. If you would like Dr. Gilsdorf’s feedback on your application, please contact her as soon as possible to let her know that you will be seeking her advice. You will need to provide a draft of your application to her by August 15th, 2016, in order to receive a critique in a timely fashion. If there is high demand for this assistance, Dr. Gilsdorf will only be able to provide support on a first-come, first-served basis.