

“I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT AND IDEA FOR 20 YEARS. IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT PERSISTENCE PAYS AND YESTERDAY’S WILD IDEAS MAY BECOME TODAY’S REALITY.”

– YAACOV BARAK, PH.D., MWRI INVESTIGATOR AND 2018 MAGEE PRIZE RECIPIENT

GOAL

The Magee Prize will support breakthrough research conducted by top scientists from around the world who are focused on reproductive sciences and women’s health research. The winners of the prize will be selected based on innovative and collaborative research across a wide variety of disciplines. The prize is designed to propel discovery in women’s health and, by extension, the health of humankind. The three prize finalists will be invited to present their projects at the Magee-Womens Summit on May 26th, with summit attendees contributing via live vote to the final awardee.

WHO’S ELIGIBLE?

This award will support a 2-3 year research program on an innovative, transdisciplinary project in the fields of reproductive biology, early human development, or women’s health. The project should be proposed jointly by two or more collaborating principal investigators (PIs): one international investigator located anywhere in the world and at least one MWRI investigator. Applications are encouraged in any relevant biological discipline, from basic or translational biology to clinical and health services research. Projects may be conceptual or methodological, involve new models or drugs, and ideally based on high-risk and high-reward strategies.

LETTER OF INTENT

Letters of intent are required and due no later than November 2, 2020. The letter, submitted via email to prize@mageesummit.org, must provide the project title, the name, institution and email address of the PIs, and a 200-word research abstract.

APPLICATION

Application Format

Applications must be formatted in Arial 11-point font, with 12 point or single line spacing, USA letter size paper, 0.5 inch margins, and consist of the following components:

- Completed title form page
- NIH style biosketch and “other support” document for key personnel
- Detailed budget and budget justification
- Description of relevant institutional resources
- Supporting letters from collaborating PIs and the institutional official
- A 200-word summary that describes the proposed work and is suitable for comprehension by a lay person
- A research plan, not to exceed 7 pages, that includes 1 page of hypothesis and abstract and aims and 6 pages discussing the significance, innovation, research plan and a timeline. The plan should explain the collaboration, and the contribution of each investigative team. References are not included in the 6 pages, and appendices are not allowed. A movie, if relevant may be added as a cited reference link, but should not be sent as a file.



- The team submitting the winning project must provide approvals from their IRB (Human Subjects), Institutional Animal Care and Use (IACUC) Committee, or other relevant regulatory bodies prior to the awarding of funds, following NIH “just in time” procedures.

FAQs:

- Should funds roughly follow the effort? Not necessarily. The contribution of each investigative team should be briefly addressed within the Plan section. Funds do not need to be equally divided, but should reflect a true collaboration while being allocated in a manner relevant to the proposed research. Similar adjustments can be made when there is more than one PI per institution.
- What are the funding mechanisms across investigative teams? We are following a typical NIH awarding mechanism, with funds awarded to the submitting PI’s institution (which then allocates subcontracts to the remaining team institutions), as opposed to directly awarding each collaborating entity its own share based on its own exclusive budget.
- Can the award be extended beyond 2-3 years? No, it is expected that the project will be completed in 2 years, with one optional non-competitive extension year.

Prize structure (\$1 Million)

The **first prize** is comprised of a \$972,000 total research award (which includes indirect costs at a maximum rate of 8%) and a \$18,000 personal prize, shared across the co-PIs

In addition, the following personal prizes will include:

- **Second prize:** \$6,000, shared across the co-PIs
- **Third prize:** \$4,000, shared across the co-PIs

SUBMISSION TIMELINE

LETTER OF INTENT

DUE: NOVEMBER 2, 2020

ABSTRACTS DUE

DUE: JANUARY 4, 2021

MAGEE PRIZE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

APRIL 30, 2021

PRIZE FINALIST RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

MAY 26TH, 2021 at The Magee-Womens Summit

FINAL SELECTION

MAY 26TH, 2021 at The Magee-Womens Summit

