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MEDICAL CENTER

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Blake A. Jenkins Discovery Fund

The Blake A. Jenkins Discovery Fund supports basic and/or translational research into bipolar disorder and related conditions with an emphasis on early detection, intervention and utilizing brain imaging.

Who is eligible? Faculty and postdoctoral fellows appointed at Vanderbilt University or Vanderbilt University Medical Center

What is needed? Applications must be submitted electronically as a single PDF document (using NIH format guidelines, with a font size of 11 or larger with minimum of 1/2 inch margins), including

1. Brief cover letter
2. NIH biosketch, with current grant support listed
3. Proposal (2 pages with no appendices) – describe hypothesis and central methodology. All figures and tables must be included within the 2-page limit.
4. Budget (1 page, itemized table for salary and non-salary expenses, in US \$)
 - a. Justify one- or two-year grant
 - b. Requests must not exceed a total of \$50,000
 - c. Define the unique contribution of the grant; describe how grant will lead to subsequent funding; assure that the grant will not result in duplication of funding
5. References (1 page, optional)
6. IRB or IACUC approval must be verified at the time of the grant award (do not include IRB/IACUC documents with application)

Timeline

- **Deadline for submission of proposals: May 30, 2018**
- Announcement of grant: June 15, 2018
- Funding period: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020

Please submit application to Dr. Stephan Heckers (stephan.heckers@vanderbilt.edu).