

**NEW FUNDING CYCLE OPEN – January 2015****The NIH Center for Accelerated Innovation at Cleveland Clinic (NCAI-CC)  
Announces the Request for Applications (RFA) for the third funding cycle**

For Cleveland Clinic, Case Western Reserve University, The Ohio State University,  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and University of Cincinnati

The RFA can be downloaded from [www.ncai-cc.ccf.org](http://www.ncai-cc.ccf.org).

**Funding is available for promising emerging technologies directed towards diagnosis, treatment or management of cardiovascular, pulmonary, blood or sleep-related disorders. We are seeking projects such as therapeutics (e.g. drugs, biologics), preventatives, diagnostics, devices, tools, etc., in order to facilitate their translation to commercialized products that improve patient care and enhance health.**

The NCAI-CC will provide funding and project assistance to advance the development of high priority early-stage technologies within the mission areas of the NHLBI (cardiovascular, lung, blood and sleep disorders).

Expert assistance will be provided in areas required for early technology development, including commercial opportunity assessment, intellectual property, clinical and regulatory, reimbursement, business, legal and project management.

In order to be considered, please submit a **Letter of Intent** by February 10, 2015.

Contents of the Letter of Intent are prescribed within the RFA, and shall include:

- Cover page. See the NCAI website Funding Page for content requirements.
- 2 page narrative including the following elements:
  - Project Definition.
  - Unmet Need and Market Opportunity.
  - Project Background.
  - Project Plan and Milestones.
- References (not to exceed one page).
- Modified biosketch for lead investigator and up to two co-investigators. Please include education, employment history, current funding, and any history of commercialization activity, patents, etc. (not to exceed 4 pages each).

The full content of the Letter of Intent shall be submitted in a single combined unlocked PDF file.  
See the NCAI website Funding Page for submission instructions.

Projects will be reviewed on the following criteria: Eligibility (fit for this funding opportunity, appropriate phase of development, feasibility), Clinical Need or Opportunity, Potential for Commercial Success, and Project Scope / Plan.

**Timeline:**

Feb. 10, 2015. Letter of Intent submission due.

Mar. 03, 2015. Selected applicants invited to submit full applications.

April 14, 2015. Invited application submissions due.

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