Lloyd J. Old STAR Program -- FAQ

Applying/Eligibility

1. My institution does not use the titles of assistant professor nor associate professor, can I still apply?
   - If the institution from which you are applying considers your current academic rank the equivalent of an assistant professor or associate professor, you are still eligible to apply.

2. Can a STAR grant be awarded to a candidate at a foreign institution?
   - Yes, candidates from both U.S. and non-U.S. institutions are eligible to apply, provided that the institution is a non-profit entity.

3. Does CRI have a citizenship restriction for its grant programs?
   - There are no citizenship restrictions for any of CRI’s grant programs.

4. Does CRI provide feedback on unfunded proposals?
   - No, CRI does not provide applicants of unfunded proposals comments or feedback from our reviewers.

5. What is CRI’s resubmission policy?
   - CRI allows applicants to resubmit an unfunded application for subsequent deadlines following the completion of CRI’s review process. However, CRI does not provide feedback or reviewer comments on applications. New applications should, however, reflect any progress made since the previous submission, with changes to the application highlighted.

6. Is there a limitation of the number of times I can apply for this grant program?
   - No, so long as you meet the eligibility requirements you may still apply.

7. Can more than one applicant from the same institution apply for funding?
   - Yes, multiple applicants from the same organization may submit proposals to each CRI funding announcement, provided each application is scientifically distinct.

8. Is an IRB/IACUC/IBC approval required at the time of submitting my application?
   - No, however, applicants should list on the application “pending” if the protocol has not yet been approved. For applications that involve human subjects, vertebrate animals, recombinant DNA and other nonexempt biohazards, an applicable protocol number would need to be required following the acceptance of the award.

Preparing an Application:

1. Are there restrictions on the sizes of margins?
   - There are no margin requirements for an application; however, proper judgement should be exercised to keep documents legible.

2. What is the minimum font size?
   - The minimum font size is 12pt for all supporting documents, except for the NIH biosketch which should follow the NIH guidelines.

3. Do tables, figures, and references count towards the page limit of the research summary?
   - No, but they should instead be attached as an appendix.
4. Should I include copies of the publications with my application
   • No, we ask that you do not include copies of the five (5) selected publications, instead you may include a DOI link in addition to the citation.

Financial

9. Does CRI allow for the collection of Indirect Costs/Facilities & Administrative costs on this award?
   • No, CRI does not allow for the collection of Indirect Costs for any of its grant programs.

10. Is there a salary cap or limitation similar to the NIH?
    • CRI does implement a salary cap consistent with the current salary cap set by the NIH.

11. For U.S. and non-U.S. based institutions, how does CRI issue grant payments?
    • For both U.S. and non-U.S. based institutions, CRI issues grant payments quarterly to the host institution in U.S. currency. Payments are issued via wire transfer.