

CHIESI FOUNDATION ONLUS

Call for Scientific Research Proposals 2014

Chiesi Foundation Onlus invites scientists and researchers to submit proposals for high level scientific research projects in the following scientific domain:

Pneumology and chronic respiratory diseases management.

The topics proposed should aim to enlarge the knowledge in the medical community and in health care-providers on the interaction between environmental and lifestyle factors and the whole respiratory tract and to foster the communication of scientific messages to the medical community and the general population.

Proposals that significantly advance scientific understanding in the aforementioned domain via highly productive collaborative teams with multi-disciplinary expertise are strongly encouraged.

In particular, this Call seeks proposals aimed at reaching one the of the following specific objectives:

Objective 1. To describe the effect of lifestyle factors (e.g. diet, exercise) on chronic respiratory diseases, such as for example childhood overweight/obesity and asthma in children or physical activity in smokers with/without COPD.

Objective 2. To study the interaction between indoor/outdoor pollution and the human lung, including effects on small airways and predisposition to airway diseases (e.g. asthma).

Objective 3. To develop single reproducible and validated methods (lung function, cell biology, imaging, etc) or their combination for the diagnosis of small airways disease.

Researchers, whatever specific topic they focus on, are required to devise a communication strategy, by developing effective and adaptable tools for improving the diffusion of scientific result(s) and message(s) from specialists (e.g. pulmonologists, allergologists) through general practitioners to the general population.

The beneficiaries of the grants will be asked to provide detailed reports and annual summary, demonstrating sufficient progress toward the stated goals.

The deadline for the submission of the projects is October 1st, 2014 and the approved proposals will be granted access to Chiesi Foundation Onlus resources from 2015 onwards.

Proposals submitted after the deadline will be no longer considered.

The supporting documents, with all the details related to the Grant Application Policies and the Guidelines for the submission of the projects, can be found on www.chiesifoundation.org.

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