APPLICATION FOR THE MFWA RESEARCH FUND AWARD

The Medical Faculty Women’s Association (currently the Health Sciences Faculty Women’s Association) Research Fund was originally developed to provide funds to women, primarily on the basis of need, for the initiation or continuation of projects of high scientific merit (see categories of awards, below). All proposals are reviewed by USC faculty members. Project duration is limited to one year, though projects may be granted a no-cost extension for an additional year, upon request.

General Guidelines:

The proposal should include the following:

1. Cover letter. Should include name, degree, academic position, department, title of project, and a statement of need. It should also include award category (see below).

2. Biosketch (NIH format is acceptable). Should include current and pending support, time at USC, current source of salary, publications.

3. Budget with justification: Maximum allowable: $10,000 for one year
   a) Allowable expenses
      i) Material and supplies
      ii) Fee for services (examples: statisticians, consultants, laboratory services, etc.)
   b) Expenses not allowed
      i) Salary support for faculty
      ii) Equipment exceeding $5000

4. Scientific Proposal. Limited to 3 pages, written in the following format:
   a) Specific Aims
   b) Background
   c) Preliminary Data (not required)
   d) Experimental Plan

5. Other information:
   a) References Cited
   b) Human Subjects and Vertebrate Animals: indicate IRB or IACUAC approval has been granted (include protocol number and date of expiration) or are pending

Categories of Awards:

1. Seed money for a pilot project
2. Interim funds to continue a project
3. Emergency funds to support purchase of materials or supplies that are clearly not supported by other funding mechanisms

Following receipt of applications, funding decisions are generally made within 4-6 weeks. Publications and other professional reports and activities must acknowledge support from the MFWA Research Fund.

Applications should be submitted electronically to Dr. Florence M. Hofman (hofman@usc.edu). Please direct all questions to Dr. Hofman.

DEADLINE: October 1, 2011.

v. July 2011