Stanley Center Target Practice Proposal Instructions and Application Form

Overview
A Stanley Center Target Practice proposal describes a project that will catalyze the translation of genetic findings into the basis of psychiatric disease into novel therapeutic approaches. There is a wide-range of possible projects in this framework, from illuminating the pathways regulated by disease-linked genes, to identifying novel treatment strategies, to validating a disease-linked target for drug discovery. While fully solving these challenges may require multiple years, the goal of Stanley Center Target Practice proposal is to enable research that represents the most important first steps in this process.

Successful Stanley Center Target Practice proposals are likely to be those that: (1) have a clear link to the genetics of psychiatric disease; and (2) make a strong case that the research results will ultimately illuminate potential therapeutic avenues. Investigators receiving support are expected to contribute to an emerging research community focused on understanding the mechanistic basis of psychiatric disease and translating those into new methods of treatment, including participation in a symposium highlighting results from sponsored projects.

Application process
All proposals must be submitted electronically to sctargetpractice@broadinstitute.org. Review committee meetings will be held as needed up to once per quarter.

Instructions

Summary – A one-paragraph overview of the project discussing the importance of the research being proposed and the potential impact if successful.

Genetic Association – A one paragraph overview of the genetic linkage of the proposed target gene to psychiatric disease.

Project Plan – A description of the project covering the proposed experiments and detailing the specific aims and any milestones or deliverables. There should be a focus on how this work will generate therapeutic approaches or identify or validate specific therapeutic targets.

Budget – A short description of the budget categories listed in the application form. Budgets are expected to be a maximum of $250,000 (total costs with indirect costs capped at 20%) for 1 year. Exceptional projects that are truly transformative with larger budgets or timelines will be considered but cost effectiveness is a criterion for evaluation.

Proposal Length – The total length of the sections Summary, Innovation, Project Plan together must not exceed 3 pages, including figures but not references.

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