ANNOUNCEMENT: 2022 ISCRM Team Award:
Open only to ISCRM members with faculty appointments at the University of Washington

We are excited to announce a new funding opportunity to support collaborative, team-based efforts among ISCRM labs, with a goal of fostering new center-type grants within the Institute. The ISCRM Team Award (ITA) will provide up to $200,000 over a two-year period to support the launch of an integrated, multi-project research program. Programs will comprise a team of three or more ISCRM faculty (Research and Regular Faculty) who are pursuing innovative experiments that are directly relevant to stem cell biology or tissue repair and regeneration. One faculty member will be designated as Program PI, and the other faculty will be designated as Project Leaders. Each project should contribute to the overarching program goal.

In addition to describing their research program, applicants need to state how ITA support will make the research competitive for external funding in the form of an ISCRM-based larger center/program grant, e.g., from the NIH, NSF or private foundations. The ITA program is intended to extend beyond one’s currently funded research, bringing together scientists with different expertise in a collaborative effort that will enable novel research that benefits the ISCRM community.

This award requires a matching fund “buy-in” from each project leader in the amount of $25,000 to increase the total available funding and resulting impact. These funds can come from federal or non-federal sources. Renewal for a second year is contingent on sufficient progress in the first year. Funds will be released in tranches based upon successful progress towards milestones.

Application deadline is Monday, May 2, 2022, at 9:00 AM. The budget period for the team award will start on July 1, 2022 and end by June 30, 2023. Due to WA State budgeting, all funds must be spent by the end of the budget period. Please send applications as a single PDF to Kris Vosk (kvosk@uw.edu)

Please include the following:

1. Application (11-point Arial font, 0.5-inch margins)
   a. Overview Of Research Program (1 page)
      i. Overview of research team: diversity and synergy within team, how you came together
      ii. Program purpose and objectives
      iii. Contributions of each Project to overarching objectives
      iv. References (not included in page limits)

   b. Research Project Specific Aims (1 page per project)
      i. Rationale, including gaps in knowledge and objectives
      ii. Aims, including a brief technical description of key experiments
      iii. Impact of knowledge gained
      iv. References (not included in page limits)

   c. Impact of Research Program (1 page)
      i. Plans to Convert ITA into an ISCRM based Center/ Project Grant Application (NIH/NSF)
      ii. Operations support, including meeting plans and effective team communications
      iii. Project timeline and milestones

   d. Diversity support (0.5 page), including activities related to the project and circumstances that illustrate commitment to a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment at ISCRM

2. Budget (1 page) – Please include source of “buy-in” funds

3. NIH style Biosketch including Other Support for each team faculty member
THE REVIEW PROCESS:
The grants application will be reviewed and scored by an ISCRM committee that will send proposal rankings and a funding recommendation to ISCRM’s Executive Committee. A progress report and budget review is required by May 1st 2023 in order to receive the second tranche of funding.

Awards will be announced in June 2022