MOST/Tongji Appendix for Basic Biology IV RFA

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RFA 11- 03 Appendix C: National eligibility criteria for Partner Pls from China Eligible for funding in collaboration with RFA 11- 03: CIRM BASIC BIOLOGY AWARDS IV are all research proposals in the field of regenerative medicine that have been jointly applied to CIRM with California scientists as integrated projects and have obtained favorable evaluations at CIRM, also with the Californian partners approved for funding by CIRM. As a matching supportive mechanism to the Chinese components of those integrated projects, the Chinese Ministry Of Science and Technology ("MOST") has allocated a total of 20 million RMB to Tongji University, which may be managed, without being exclusively, to fund the Chinese Portion of up to 5 successful joint proposals for three years, under the umbrella RFA 11- 03.

Applicants for MOST funds hereunder must form consortia with their respective Californian partners and participate in the CIRM's application procedures as described in CIRM's RFA 11- 03. The scope and content of the joint proposals have to be pertinent to and strictly follow descriptions published in the CIRM RFA 11- 03. Pre-Applications with both a Chinese and a California component will be subject to CIRM's evaluation procedure as described in the RFA 11- 03 as well. Moreover, MOST will implement an additional screening process prior to submission of the Application to CIRM.

To participate in CIRM's RFA 11- 03, the Chinese partner PIs must submit an informal request in writing, no more than two pages, to the project management office at Tongji University, delineating:

- i) a description of the proposed research project, intended as collaborative component of the application to RFA 11- 03;
- ii) the added value of the international cooperation;
- iii) expected project results; and
- iv) a necessary budget and simple budget justifications.

This request must be submitted to the project management office together with a copy of the California PI's pre-application materials to CIRM for RFA 11- 03, **no later than 5:00pm, January 10, 2012**. Any confidential or proprietary portions of the California PI's pre-application materials may be deleted from the submission to the Tongji University project management office.

For interested applicants, please contact the project management office, Ms. Rui Huo (tel: +86 18702196005, email: huorui2008@126.com) for detailed information on the application and selection process.