



PA 11-01: CIRM Visiting Faculty Supplement

I. Program Goals

The goal of the CIRM Visiting Faculty Supplement is to provide stem cell research opportunities for faculty-level scientists from California educational institutions that do not receive major research and infrastructure funding from CIRM. This program will augment existing sabbatical leave programs at California State University campuses and other 4-year educational institutions, and enable eligible faculty to participate in existing CIRM-funded research projects. These opportunities should create lasting collaborations between faculty members at different institutions, facilitate the transfer of stem cell expertise to a greater number of California colleges and universities, particularly institutions with student populations representing the diversity of California's population, and expand the cadre of stem cell scientists working to advance CIRM's mission.

II. Eligibility

A. Visiting Faculty Member (Visiting Scientist). Scientists eligible to participate as Visiting Scientists are individuals with a full-time faculty appointment, which includes a research component, at a California State University or other 4-year California college or university (accredited by WASC Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities) that has not received major research or facilities funding from CIRM. Accordingly, faculty members at University of California campuses, Stanford University and University of Southern California are not eligible to be Visiting Scientists. Visiting Scientists must have an M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent degree and must have a research program and laboratory at their home institution. Additionally, in order to participate, a candidate must commit to a visiting research period of 6 to 12 months and must be approved for sabbatical leave for this period by their home institution. Furthermore, CIRM requires a Visiting Scientist to commit to a minimum of 80% effort during the visiting research period.

B. Host Principal Investigator (host PI). The host PI must be the recipient of a CIRM research grant, which will be active throughout the period of faculty member visit. The Visiting Scientist's activities will be associated with this research grant and must be within the scope of the grant's objective and specific aims.. A CIRM PI may not host more than one Visiting Scientist per year.

C. Excluded Grants. The following CIRM grant programs are not eligible to receive the Visiting Faculty Supplement:

RFA 07-01: CIRM Shared Labs and Stem Cell Techniques Course Grant

RFA 07-03: CIRM Major Facilities Grant Program

RFA 08-03: CIRM Research Training Program II

RFA 08-04: CIRM Bridges to Stem Cell Research Awards

RFA 10-05: CIRM Disease Team Therapy Development Planning Awards

III. Award Supplement Information

A. Award Mechanism. The CIRM Visiting Faculty Supplements provide additional funding to existing CIRM-funded research grants for the support of the Visiting Scientist while he/she is engaged in research on the funded project. Requests for a supplement must be made by the CIRM PI and should be done after a commitment with the Visiting Scientist has been made. Award funds will be dispersed to the host institution as a supplement to the existing grant budget. Host institutions should enter into a sub-award (subcontract) agreement with the Home Institution to disburse funds to the Visiting Scientist. CIRM will require financial and progress reporting on the supplemental funds as part of the grant's normal Annual Reporting process.

B. Eligible Costs. Supplemental funds must be used for support of the Visiting Scientist in accordance with the following limits:

1. Salary and benefits: support of up to 50% of academic year salary and benefits during period of research in the host lab, with the remaining 50% provided by the Visiting Scientist's home institution or other (non-CIRM) source. The Award will also provide up to 100% of summer salary and benefits for the Visiting Scientist if a portion of the visiting research is performed during the summer period. For example, if a Visiting Scientist participates in research in a host lab for an entire calendar year, a Visiting Faculty Supplement can provide up to 50% salary and benefits for the 9-month academic year and 100% salary and benefits for the 3-month summer period. Total compensation for salary and benefits from the CIRM award cannot exceed \$150,000. (To the extent the Visiting Scientist commits less than 100% effort to the proposed research, CIRM's contribution would be reduced proportionately.)
2. Research and travel allowance: up to \$20,000 to facilitate maximal participation of the Visiting Scientist in the research project. These funds may be used for specialized research supplies or services directly related to the Visiting Scientist's research activities in the host lab, for travel related to relocation to the host lab and/or for travel to and attendance at scientific meetings.

3. Facility and indirect costs in accordance with CIRM regulations. Host institutions will receive facilities and administrative costs on the research and travel allocation as well as the first \$25,000 of the subcontract to the home institution. Home institutions will receive 10% administrative costs on the Visiting Scientist's CIRM-funded salary and benefits.
4. Final budgets will be negotiated after an application has been approved and after submission of required Just-In-Time information.

IV. Request and Approval Procedure

Request for a CIRM Visiting Faculty Supplement must be submitted by the Host PI, and the following materials should be prepared in collaboration with the Visiting Scientist.

A formal request for the CIRM Visiting Faculty Supplement consists of four parts:

Part A: Visiting Scientist Information Form (Web-based form)

Part B: Visiting Scientist Research Proposal (MS Word template)

Part C: Biographical Sketch for Visiting Scientist (MS Word template)

Part D: Letter of Support from Home Institution Official. This letter must confirm commitment of the home (Visiting Scientist's) institution to the Visiting Scientist's sabbatical release and partial salary and benefits support.

The Host PI should submit a request for the Supplement online via the CIRM Grants Management Portal at <https://grants.cirm.ca.gov> (templates are also available via the portal).

Requests are subject to CIRM administrative review to verify completion of all required application components, confirm Visiting Scientist and Host PI eligibility, and substantiate appropriate integration of the Visiting Scientist's planned research with the aims of the associated CIRM-funded research grant. Approved requests will be funded on a first come – first served basis until all supplemental funds are committed. Visiting research activity must commence within 9 months of application approval.

V. Schedule of Deadlines

Funding Round	Request Deadline	Approval Notification	Funds Available
1	May 2, 2011	May 16, 2011	July 1, 2011
2	Aug. 1, 2011	Aug. 15, 2011	Oct. 1, 2011
3	Nov. 1, 2011	Nov. 15, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012
4	Feb. 1, 2012	Feb. 15, 2012	Apr. 1, 2012
5	May 1, 2012	May 15, 2012	July 1, 2012
6	Aug. 1, 2012	Aug. 15, 2012	Oct. 1, 2012
7	Nov. 1, 2012	Nov. 15, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013

Additional funding rounds may be open if uncommitted funds remain available.

VI. Contact Information

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