

# MEMORANDUM

To: Service Chiefs - Departments of Pediatrics, Surgery, Anesthesiology, Pathology, Psychiatry, and Radiology  
Senior Administrative Staff, Children's of Alabama  
Divisional Directors, Children's of Alabama

From: Dawn Walton

Date: July 1, 2014

Re: **Competitive Grants from Kaul Pediatric Research Institute**

The Boards of Trustees of The Children's Hospital of Alabama and Alabama Children's Hospital Foundation established Kaul Pediatric Research Institute (KPRI) for the purpose of promoting the research and educational missions of the Hospital with the ultimate goal of improving child health. One of the activities of KPRI is the granting of funds for three specific forms of research: basic laboratory investigation, quality improvement analyses of health care delivery and clinical /translational research. The overall thrust of each application must be directed toward improved child health.

There will be a total of up to **eight new grants** available. Six grants will be awarded at an amount of \$30,000 per year for a maximum of two years, with one grant being funded by the Department of Pediatrics. Priority will be given to applicants who are in the early stages of their careers. The seventh grant, named in memory of Dr. Rud Polhill, will be targeted at senior investigators at an amount of \$50,000 per year for a maximum of two years. The eighth grant, named in honor of Dr. Sergio Stagno, will be targeted at senior investigators at an amount of \$50,000 per year for a maximum of two years. All members of Children's medical staff, full-time UAB faculty in a pediatric discipline, and Children's employees are eligible to apply for these awards. Fellows are ineligible to be listed as a Principal Investigator. For the purposes of these awards, a senior investigator is defined as those ranked at the Professor level.

Funding for the second year is contingent upon the submission of an acceptable progress report. **Grant amounts are designated for direct costs only. Indirect costs are not covered under this grant application.**

For your convenience, a grant application and budget form are attached to this memo. Additional applications are available by emailing Dawn Walton at [dawn.walton@childrensal.org](mailto:dawn.walton@childrensal.org). The application includes a recommended format, with eligibility and review process requirements. **All completed applications (an original hardcopy, plus seven additional hardcopies) must be returned to the office of Dawn Walton, c/o Mary Aiken, Children's Hospital Administration, Lowder Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor by 4:30 PM, Tuesday September 30, 2014.** For further information, please contact Dawn Walton at 638-9073.