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The FAER Pediatrics Research Council is pleased to announce that FAER is seeking research funding applications to promote and encourage research in pediatric anesthesia through basic, translational, patient-oriented and population-based investigations. Studies in the biology of anesthesia in the developing organism and studies on the plasticity and programming associated with anesthesia experienced during development are especially encouraged.

We hope that you will join FAER in responding to this need by distributing the attached Request for Proposals among your staff. Through this initiative, it is hoped that there will be an increase in grant applications and a commensurate growth in funding available for research important for the fundamental advancement of the care of children.

Four types of grant support are available from FAER. The FAER web site (www.faer.org) provides a brief synopsis of each grant and a table illustrates comparison of different grants. Applications are reviewed by the ASA Committee on Research or the FAER Education Committee depending on the grant type. These groups function as a study section using NIH criteria and methods. Grants are awarded by the FAER Board based on the scores and the amount of funds available. Written critiques are shared with applicants.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help, and please do not hesitate to contact the FAER staff with questions pertaining to this request.

Sincerely,



Steven C. Hall, MD, Chair
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Attachment