



INSPIRE Shark Tank Request for Proposals

BACKGROUND

As part of our Incubate pillar, we are continuously looking for novel ways to support diverse investigators as well as early-stage projects. We are excited to invite INSPIRE members to participate in Sim Shark Tank, an opportunity to pitch a project aligned with INSPIRE's mission and vision and compete for funding.

SUMMARY

1. Shark Tank awards: A maximum of six projects will be funded up to \$6000 USD/project.
2. These projects must be simulation-based and align with INSPIRE's mission and vision to improve pediatric health.
3. Award proposals will be due **October 4th, 2024**

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects include early-stage projects that need additional resources to achieve success.

All proposals must be submitted by an INSPIRE member or under the mentorship of an INSPIRE member. Those who join as an INSPIRE member at the time of submission will be considered.

Previously submitted or current ALERT submissions for the proposed project will be ineligible for this award. Receipt of a prior INSPIRE award for the same project also precludes eligibility for this award.

PROPOSAL IRB AND HUMAN SUBJECT PROTECTION

Proposals are encouraged to include evidence of submission to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Ethics Board from all institutions where the proposed work will take place, regardless of whether human subjects are used. Approval from IRB or Ethics Board is not required at the time of application but will be required before funds are given. A statement of current IRB status (already approved, plan to apply for IRB approval, or exemption from need for IRB approval and why) should be included in the proposal.

PROPOSAL CONTENT AND CONTENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Title
2. Team members (name, institution, title, project role and qualifications), please include CV for primary investigator.
3. Executive summary (brief, 1-2 paragraphs) [An executive summary should summarize the key points of the project. It should restate the purpose of the project, what



information will be gained at the completion of the project, highlight the major methods, describe any preliminary results, and highlight the benefits that will be gained from the completion of the project. To see a sample executive summary, please go to <https://appriver3651014754.sharepoint.com/p:s/clients/EVV6Xmyz7U1DqLNtiVMOHEI|BWibzsM9aqJUWZa2TPmcqiA?e=7hEnxI> and view slide 10].

4. Background
5. Aims
6. Methods (to include a description of proposed methodology, inclusion and exclusion criteria of subjects, outcome measures that are well defined, statistical methods, anticipated sample size, data collection and management as applicable)
7. Environment - as applicable, please elaborate on the following: will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?
8. Budget: Please include a budget with a detailed breakdown of the costs for the proposal. There is no specific format required.
 - a. Please note that this award does not cover indirect or facilities and administrative costs, nor should it be used for salary support, and these thus should not be requested in the budget.
 - b. A budget justification should be included to explain how the award will be spent to ensure that adequate support and time is dedicated towards the completion of the stated goals. Please indicate any funds or in-kind resources that will be provided by the institution or other entities.
 - c. Please also list the name and amounts of any additional or prior grants, awards or funds that this project has received.
 - d. If circumstances allow additional funding in excess of the maximum \$6000/award may be available to support specific projects. If requesting additional funds, please justify, in detail, what the additional funds would be utilized for and how these additional resources would impact the proposed project. These requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
9. Statement of IRB status (see section above for more details)
10. Project Timeline
11. Plans for scholarship (please tell us briefly about your plans [known or anticipated] for dissemination of this work – abstracts/conference submission, manuscripts, curriculum, etc.)



PROGRESS REPORTS AND DISSEMINATION

PIs are required to submit updates/progress reports twice per year and provide a final report once the study is complete. INSPIRE must be explicitly acknowledged on all forms of dissemination (abstracts, manuscripts, posters, etc.).