

## The Friedman School FUNDS Program

### Faculty Nurtured Development of Sponsored funding

#### Purpose/Mission

The purpose of the FUNDS Program is to support Friedman School investigators in securing extramural sponsored research awards through reviewing, evaluating, and helping to further develop research proposals. This internal review program supports the [School's Strategic Aim Goals IV and IX](#).

#### Program Overview

The FUNDS program is geared towards reviewing the specific aims and hypotheses (or equivalent) components of an investigator's extramural sponsored research proposal. FUNDS is open to all Friedman School junior and senior level investigators. At each meeting there will be at least two designated faculty reviewers, including at least one Division Chair, who will review submissions in advance of the review session.

All faculty are strongly encouraged to attend sessions and to provide helpful feedback and perspective.

***FUNDS will meet once a month for one hour from October 2020 - May 2021.***

Research proposals submitted to funds will not be shared beyond designated reviewers and should not be discussed outside of the review session.

#### *Submission Process:*

- Faculty requesting to be assessed should submit their materials to [friedman-ofa@tufts.edu](mailto:friedman-ofa@tufts.edu) at least one week prior to the meeting date.
- Material to be submitted should include
  - Funding agency and name/number of specific grant mechanism
  - Proposed name of research proposal
  - Link to (or copy of) program announcement or request for proposals
  - Specific aims and hypotheses (or equivalent sections as required by the grant)
  - Research methods (optional)

#### *Feedback Process:*

- A maximum of 2 proposals will be reviewed at each session.
- Investigators will present for 30 minutes on their specific aims, hypotheses and proposed research approach (optional). Relevant background information may be queried by designated reviewers or other faculty in attendance.
- Designated reviewers will provide their feedback and will elicit participation from other faculty members in attendance.
- No written feedback should be expected, although reviewers may choose to do so.

***Any questions or concerns regarding the FUNDS program should be sent to [friedman-ofa@tufts.edu](mailto:friedman-ofa@tufts.edu)***

Happy FUNDING!