5. Call for SPARK FLI Proposals to Enhance Translation

Are you investigating basic mechanisms of disease? Are you sitting on a new technology or potential pharmacotherapy with clinical potential, yet the developmental know-how is lacking? Why not let the SPARK@FLI program enhance the translatable nature of your innovative technology?

Our Concept

The current success rate of translating novel scientific findings into new diagnostics, medical devices or therapies is disappointingly less than <5% at academic institutions across the globe. Causes are numerous including the erratic selection of promising projects, the high degree of project risk and minimal attention to intellectual property. The “SPARK AT FLI” program is designed to advance projects with high potential impact, addressing critical unmet medical needs for any indication.

We offer you advisory, financial and personnel support. This program is based on the highly successful “SPARK Stanford” program at (http://sparkmed.stanford.edu/), which has achieved a translational success rate of >50%, through education, mentorship, advising and milestone based funding.

Your Benefit

- Funds to de-risk your project
- Advice from SPARK advisory board, consisting of experts with translational experience
- Mentored project management support
- Establish defensible Intellectual Property
- Learn what translation is all about
- Get education on drug and diagnostic development
- Carry your project across the Valley of Death (aka the translation Gap or Finance Gap)
- Be a member of the SPARK Global network
- Gain access to investors and experts on commercialization

Deadline: January 27th, 2020

How to apply

Step 1: Use the application form available and submit a two-page application of your proposed therapy or diagnostic that addresses an unmet medical need and utilizes a novel approach for any indication. Send the application by February 7th 2020 to Sonja.Schaetzlein@leibniz-fli.de

Step 2: Be selected by our SPARK Team and get an invitation to pitch your project to our external SPARK Advisory Board on February 27th 2020.

Step 3: Selected projects will receive guidance, Milestone-dependent funding covering consumables necessary for granted projects and practical support with the help of two well trained technicians.

Contact: Sonja Schätzlein
Deadline: February 7th, 2020
Submit to: Sonja.Schaetzlein@leibniz-fli.de
Evaluation: February 27, 2020 (16:00-21:00)

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