

Johns Hopkins Vaccine Initiative

'Spark' Funding

Background

The Johns Hopkins Vaccine Initiative (JHVI) 'Spark' funding is designed to assist JHSPH faculty in their efforts to improve training and education opportunities for students and to create opportunities for new or expanded collaborative vaccine-related research. Priority will be given to programs that are anticipated to have a substantial impact on JHSPH faculty and/or students.

Who can apply for Spark Funding?

The Spark program is only open to JHSPH faculty.

Rules and Restrictions

1. Each faculty member may receive no more than 2 awards in an academic year.
2. Activities must be conducted on the Baltimore campus.
3. Priority will be given to activities without other obvious funding sources.
4. JHVI will be invoiced for specific expenses.
5. The funding cannot be used for discretionary accounts.
6. The funding cannot be used to support travel of JHSPH students or faculty to other sites.

How much funding is available?

The total budget for any proposal cannot exceed \$1,500. We anticipate funding up to 20 projects/events this year.

Examples of possible uses of these funds include but are not limited to the following:

1. To bring a guest speaker to lecture at JHSPH;
2. To organize a meeting, retreat, or colloquium designed to result in new collaborative research opportunities.

Applying for Spark Funding

1. Application deadlines for the 2008-2009 academic year are **December 1st, 2008 and February 1st, 2009**. Applications will be reviewed and funding awarded within four weeks of each deadline.
2. Applications consist of a brief description of the purpose of the award and a basic budget.
Download an application:
Pdf: (Adobe Acrobat Professional Edition is needed to save entries before emailing)
<http://www.jhsph.edu/vaccineinitiative/opportunities/funding/Spark%20Application.pdf>
Word:
<http://www.jhsph.edu/vaccineinitiative/opportunities/funding/Spark%20application.doc>
3. All applications must be emailed to jhvi@jhsph.edu by close of business on the respective deadline date. Upon receipt of a completed application, each applicant will receive an acknowledgement via email.
4. Successful applicants will be expected to complete a 1-2 page report describing the project/event that was funded within one month of completion.