

## **\*SPARK Funding Application Description**

### **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 grants program is only open to JHSPH faculty.

### **Rules and Restrictions**

1. Each faculty member may receive no more than 2 grants 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 US\$ 1,500.

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. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applications will be reviewed within four weeks of submission.
2. Applications consist of a brief (1-3 paragraphs) description of the purpose of the award and a basic budget. For an application form and instructions for submission, go to: <http://www.jhsph.edu/vaccineinitiative/opportunities/funding/Spark>
3. Successful applicants will be expected to complete a 1-2 page report describing the project/event that was funded within one month of completion.

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### **Submission of proposals**

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applications may be found at: <http://www.jhsph.edu/vaccineinitiative/opportunities/funding/Spark>. All applications should be emailed to [jhvi@jhsph.edu](mailto:jhvi@jhsph.edu). Upon receipt of a completed application, each applicant will receive an acknowledgement email. All applications will have a final decision on funding within 4 weeks of the date of receipt of the application.

### **Proposal content:**

The proposal should contain the following minimum information:

1. Purpose of the Project/Goal of project
2. How the proposal will improve training and education opportunities for students and/or create opportunities for new or expanded collaborative research.
3. Budget showing how the funding will be spent

### **Proposal review and selection criteria**

Each proposal will be reviewed by the JHVI Steering Committee for its adherence to the eligibility requirements and its compatibility with their missions. Funding awards will be made by the JHVI based on technical review and funding availability. A maximum of two awards per faculty applicant may be offered in an academic year.

### **Completion of Proposed Project**

Upon completion of grant activities, successful applicants will be expected to complete a 1-2 page report describing the project/event that was funded within one month of completion.

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