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Dear Researcher,

In 2018, FSHD Global Research Foundation is calling for Expressions Of Interest (EOI) relating to projects in any of the following areas of FSHD research detailed below.

This call for research project applications is for projects which involve the research and development of potential FSHD therapeutics and FSHD related biotechnology. These projects are encouraged to involve national and international collaborations.

In addition to the above two general categories, the Foundation is also especially looking to support earlier stage projects in the following specific areas:

- Development of genetic engineering techniques for correction of the most common FSHD defects with a view to creating healthy muscle progenitor cells using patients own cells. Such early stage research is potentially useful down the track in tissue therapeutics development – although applicants are not expected to address therapeutics at this stage.
- Pilot studies examining the theoretical or actual capacity of affected lower limb muscle in advanced wheelchair bound FSHD patients to be regenerated. Such studies may require (for example) imaging and biopsy approaches in combination with ex vivo tissue culture.
- Identification of environmental risk factors for FSHD progression, including dietary and pharmacological agents. Examples of valid approaches could include observational / registry type studies, or alternatively screening of agents in vitro assays.

The application process in this latest round for projects involves an initial short Expression of Interest (EOI). The EOI must be one page maximum (Arial 10 font, 1cm margins) giving a brief outline of the research proposal, which is due by **30 July 2018**.

The EOI must include the names and chief investigators of the primary and collaborating laboratories. EOIs longer than one page will be truncated at the first page.

Based on the responses received, letters will be sent out shortly afterwards inviting full applications from promising proposals. These full proposals will be due by **14 September 2018**.

Full applications will be rated by the FSHD Global Scientific Advisory Committee. We trust that this process is an efficient one which minimises the impact on your valuable time and we look forward to receiving an EOI from you to initiate this process.

Please send all correspondence to tianni@fshdglobal.org we wish you the very best with your valuable research.

EOI applications close 30 July 2018 in Sydney, Australia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tianni Becker'.

Tianni Becker

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