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Date: March 1, 2024

To: Grad Students, Postdocs, Science Olympiad Alums & Univ. Leaders

RE: \$25,000 Grant!

I have an exciting \$25,000 grant opportunity for your department from the Science Olympiad USA Foundation. Since 1984, Science Olympiad has been one of the nation's largest and most prestigious science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions. We've helped encourage millions of students to follow college and career pathways into STEM, and now, we want to give back to our participants doing groundbreaking and innovative research at top universities. Early career researchers such as PhD students, postdocs, and pre-tenure faculty are invited to apply for one of these grants because of the presence of an existing Science Olympiad Alumni Chapter on your campus. Find your chapter at soinc.org/officials/alumni

In our second granting year, we are again focusing our grants around categories aligned with two of our most popular Science Olympiad events, Disease Detectives and Dynamic Planet. We will be accepting proposals for grants focusing on **medical research impacting human health** and **energy/climate research impacting a safer, greener world**. One \$25,000 grant will be awarded in each category. These unrestricted grants are intended for early career graduate, post-doc and assistant professors looking to expand or explore a groundbreaking idea with as little red tape as possible! See the 2023 winners on our foundation page at soinc.org/usafoundation

At this time, we are inviting applicants to submit a 1-page proposal letter to sketch out broad strokes of their idea, including the topic focus and expected outcomes. You are encouraged to mention the Science Olympiad connection to your idea, work, or personal story. You may re-apply if you did not win in the previous year. If accepted, you'll be invited to fill out a short application in April 2024 which will be reviewed by a committee of Science Olympiad alums and subject matter experts. Grants will be announced July 2024.

I look forward to your letter! Please send to my email at jrkopach@soinc.org by March 30, 2024. Please forward this opportunity to fellow students, sponsored program officers and faculty members!

Regards,

Jennifer Kopach

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