Call for Proposals

***The 2021 Daryl and Marguerite Errett
Discovery Award in Biomedical Research***

Funded through an annual gift from the Errett Fisher Foundation, the *Daryl and Marguerite Errett Discovery Award in Biomedical Research* is intended to honor the lives of Daryl and Marguerite Errett, while providing seed funding to the most exceptional postdocs (or similar rank) at UC Santa Barbara to support their innovative research in the field of biomedicine.

The *Daryl and Marguerite Errett Discovery Award* will provide support to one awardee annually to enable them to conduct cutting-edge research in biomedicine. The support is intended to provide seed funding to help launch promising projects that nurture the careers of gifted investigators who will have an impact on pioneering developments that advance human health. Preference is given to risk-taking research that might not yet qualify for traditional sources of funding from agencies like the National Institute for Health. The award is highly competitive, bestowing upon the recipient a significant measure of independence.

***Members of underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply.***

Application Process/Timeline

All laboratory heads (i.e., faculty) in Engineering and the Sciences at UCSB are invited to nominate their most outstanding postdoctoral fellows (or similar rank), who are leading efforts in biomedical research. Preference is for scientists relatively early in their postdoctoral training, but all are welcome to apply. In cases where > 6 years have elapsed since their PhD (or other terminal degree), a brief narrative can be helpful for understanding the context. Awardees will not come from the same lab in two consecutive years.

A complete application package should include:

* A description of the proposed research.
* Limited to **no more than 3 pages (10-point font, 1-inch margins)**.
* This should be written for a broad audience (professors in MLPS and COE).
* A budget for the proposed research project must be included in the 3 pages. The total budget can be up to $75,000. Benefits should be added if the salary is included. The proposal does not go through the Office of Research, so it does not have to include overhead.
* The proposal should include a paragraph to address the question: *How is this work innovative, compared to the lab’s current direction?*
* The proposal should also include a statement about the broader impacts of the work.
* A curriculum vita.
* A brief (1 paragraph) statement of the candidate’s career objectives.
* Two letters of recommendation: one from the laboratory head or faculty mentor, and one from another scientist, either at UC Santa Barbara or another institution, who is familiar with the candidate's work**.**

# The deadline for submission of applications is May 3, 2021.

Once awarded, funds provided by the *Daryl and Marguerite Errett Discovery Award* can be used by the recipients for any costs associated with the proposed project. These may include salary (at the level set by the recipient's laboratory head and indicated within the proposed budgetary analysis within the proposal), research supplies, and access to vital equipment and instrumentation. The term of the award would be from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and funds should be expended within the end of the award year (by June 30, 2022).

The *Daryl and Marguerite Errett Discovery Award* Committee is chaired by Prof. Spencer LaVere Smith and composed of COE and MLPS faculty with expertise in various areas relevant to biomedical research. They will review the nominations and select the awardee based on the quality, creativity, and promise the scientist and their proposed project. The decision will be announced by June 5, 2021.

The recipient of the *Daryl and Marguerite Errett Discovery Award* will provide the Errett Fisher Foundation Board with a written report at the end of the award year summarizing the outcomes of the recipient's research to date. The report would be due by June 30, 2022. In addition, board members of the Errett Fisher Foundation and a UCSB development officer will have the opportunity to meet with the recipient at the beginning of the award and learn first-hand about their research project and goals.

# Please submit applications no later than May 3, 2021 to: Ryan P. McGreal at ryanpmcgreal@ucsb.edu