

# THE LUCEY PRIZE

## Call for Proposals 2020

Jerold Lucey, M.D. was a pioneer in pediatrics who championed innovations that improved the survival and health of preterm babies. He also energized the field of pediatrics by encouraging national and international collaborations and emphasized that new ideas and technologies that result from pediatric research and investigation had to be backed by documented evidence of their effectiveness.

Dr. Lucey spent his career at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine. He was editor-in-chief of the journal *Pediatrics* for 35 years, received numerous medical awards and honors, and was inducted into the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine). In 1980 he created an annual national/international conference, "Hot Topics in Neonatology," that he ran for decades. According to his colleague Dr. Jeffrey Horbar, "He had this amazing ability to spot the important next thing."

The "Jerold and Ingela Lucey Early Career Investigator Prize for Innovations in Infant or Child Health" (aka, "The Lucey Prize") is intended to honor Dr. Lucey's legacy in his field and at the University of Vermont and hopes to inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

### Eligibility

The Lucey Prize will be awarded annually to recipients reflecting the following three levels who are exploring new horizons in neonatology and/or other areas of pediatrics:

- A current medical student at the UVM Larner College of Medicine
- A Resident and/or Fellow in UVMHC/UVM Children's Hospital graduate medical education programs
- An early career faculty member (meaning one who was appointed and has held the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor) for no more than ten years.

This is a prize to be awarded for completed or near-completed work within the past three years and not to fund a research proposal.

If part of a group, the lead person for the group shall determine the level of entry. If more than one person is working on a project, then it is up to the lead person to determine how the prize is distributed.

The prize awarded includes \$1,500 to each level awardee or their team (to be shared per lead investigator) and will be distributed at a Pediatric Grand Rounds prior to Commencement.

### Components of the Proposal

Applicants for the Lucey Prize should submit the following:

1. "Application Cover Page" with contact information for the primary applicant, including level of training or faculty position, as well as names of others on the project and their academic rank or level of training

2. A one-page "Statement of Intent," including why you are interested in applying and details of your commitment to innovation and/or the improvement in infant or child health.
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. No more than a two-page description of your proposal, including methods used, results obtained (even if still in progress) and innovativeness, importance and implications for the field of pediatrics.

## **Submission and Timeline**

Proposals should be submitted electronically By March 13, 2020 to:  
The Lucey Prize Committee  
c/o Cheryl Thibault  
cheryl.thibault@med.uvm.edu  
Department of Pediatrics

The entire proposal, including application cover page, statement of intent, project description, and CV must be submitted as a single PDF document. Proposals that do not meet this requirement will NOT be reviewed.

Winners will be notified no later than April 15, 2020. Prize-supported initiatives will be shared at a Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds to be held on May 13, 2020, where it is expected that winners will give brief presentations of their work.

## **Selection Criteria and Review Committee**

The Lucey Prize Committee will make awards based upon:

- Quality of the proposal
- Strength of the proposal's contribution to:
  - innovation in infant or child health AND/OR,
  - improvement in infant or child health AND/OR,
  - sustainability of the project going forward
- The prize will be a monetary award, paid directly to the recipients, along with an award plaque. The recipients shall be selected based on merit for their work exploring new horizons in neonatology and/or other areas of pediatrics.
- The recipients will be selected by a review committee consisting of the holders of the R. James McKay, M.D. Green & Gold Professor in Pediatrics, the Jerold F. Lucey, M.D. Chair in Neonatal Medicine, the Harry W. Wallace Professor in Neonatology, as well as the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and an additional member of the Department of Pediatrics invited by the review committee.
- The Chair of the Department of Pediatrics shall manage the award process, in accordance with University policies and procedures, as well as applicable laws.

## **Questions about proposals or requests for further assistance should be directed to:**

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