

**The Inaugural Chiba University-UCSD Symposium on Mucosal
Immunology, Allergy and Vaccines: Impact on Mucosal Diseases and
Global Health**

**February 21st and 22nd, 2017
UC San Diego Campus, La Jolla**

Request for Applications for Pilot/Feasibility Studies

We are pleased to invite you to attend a Symposium to launch a new initiative in immunology. Chiba University and UC San Diego have created a collaborative program in Mucosal Immunology, Allergy and Vaccine Development. This Symposium is co-sponsored by the IIMVF, Kyowa Kirin Pharmaceutical Research and Takeda California. It is our goal that this Symposium energizes new work in mucosal immunology and immunization and complements the new Immunology Program created between UC San Diego and the La Jolla Institute. The date is February 21 and 22nd, 2017, and the event will be held on the UC San Diego Campus. The location and program is posted on our website at <http://gastro.ucsd.edu/som/medicine/divisions/gastro/research/Pages/Chiba-UCSD-Symp-2017.aspx>.

To generate some additional excitement, we will feature selected young investigators (post docs or senior graduate students) and offer a travel award to a future meeting for the best presentation. Further, **we will sponsor an “RFA” for a pilot/feasibility program that addresses the theme of this new program.**

So save the dates and watch for updates in the near future. If you have any immunology colleagues who were not on the distribution list, please forward this notice on to them.

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Instructions for the RFA

- Budget for the first year is \$25K. An opportunity to renew for a second year will be described in the 2018 announcement and may include cash or a funded trainee training in the Mucosal Immunology, Allergy and Vaccine Development Program.
- Project must be in areas covered in the Symposium related to mucosal immunology, allergy and vaccine development targeting mucosal diseases.
- Applications are due: **March 15** and awarded **March 30**.
- Awardees will be invited to present at our next symposium, which is planned to be held at Chiba University in 2018.
- Prioritization will consider the potential for the program to stimulate new collaborations among two or more groups (e.g., LJI and UCSD; LJI, UCSD and industry; Biology and SoM and/or SIO, etc).
- Applications are NIH format, 1 page for an “Aims page”; 1 page summarizing the Experimental Approach; 1 additional page for references; and up to 1 page describing your strategy to develop your collaborations and funding including participants and timing. NIH-style biosketches must be included for key of the collaborating investigators as well as an informative budget justification.