

Sponsor/Title: American Heart Association (AHA) -- Strategically Focused Research Network (SFRN) on Earlier Detection and Delaying Progression of Valvular Heart Disease

Website: [American Heart Association](https://www.heart.org)

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1) Center (and related Projects)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2025-10-18

Sponsor Pre-Proposal Deadline: 2025-10-29, by 4 pm ET

Sponsor Proposal Deadline: 2026-01-21, by 4 pm ET

Purpose: The intent of this initiative is to support a collaborative network of researchers whose collective efforts will lead to enhanced understanding of the earlier detection and/or delaying progression of valvular heart disease. Therefore, this Request for Proposals seeks applications that can address these critical questions and stimulate significant advances in these areas of valvular heart disease. All proposed projects must address valvular heart disease. Within that context and as presented above, an array of potential areas of investigation exists. Both human studies and appropriately designed animal models that can foster understanding of valvular heart disease may be proposed.

Study Population(s)

- For studies involving human subjects, researchers must ensure that participant populations accurately reflect those affected by the disease under investigation. Efforts should be made to include individuals whose health criteria align with the prevalence and impact of the disease, thereby enhancing the relevance and applicability of the study findings.
- Important: Applicants should design studies that incorporate both realistic recruitment goals and sufficient statistical power to ensure valid results.

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form --

<https://forms.gle/P5sAxyxeXbsprCn8> by the internal deadline.

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Names of ND Collaborators
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: A three-page project summary (maximum) that aligns with the [Peer Review Criteria for PROJECT Applications](#):
 - Approach
 - Innovation
 - Significance

Questions? Contact Tom Scrace, Ph.D., Director, Foundation Relations at tscrace@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.