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**Solve ME/CFS Initiative announces request for applications for
Ramsay Award medical research program**

~Program seeks to find cure for disease affecting nearly 20 million people

LOS ANGELES, Cal. – The Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) announced Tuesday that it is now accepting applications for the 2018 cycle of its Ramsay Awards program. SMCI is currently seeking researchers who want to make an impact in the field of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) research.

The Ramsay Awards provide competitive grant funding in basic, preclinical or epidemiological research of ME/CFS. The program is open to investigators at any career stage. Each grant award typically ranges between \$35,000 and \$55,000 for a one-year period.

The Ramsay Awards are named after ME/CFS pioneer Dr. A. Melvin Ramsay, a recognized authority on ME/CFS from 1955 until his death in 1990.

The Ramsay Award program has three main objectives:

1. Invest in original ideas that could clarify the onset, progression, root causes and natural history of ME/CFS.
2. Create an environment to attract, support and retain scientists researchers in the ME/CFS community and help awardees generate relevant data to compete for long-term federal funding.
3. Facilitate collaboration and cross-pollination among dedicated researchers through the sharing of resources and access to additional programming and the SMCI's network.

Applications will be accepted between May 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.

For details about the application process, please visit: www.solvecfs.org/ramsay-award-program-2018-application/

ABOUT THE DISEASE:

ME/CFS is a chronic, complex, multi-systemic disease that profoundly limits the health and productivity of patients. The disease affects as many as 2.5 million Americans and nearly 20 million people

worldwide. The causes of ME/CFS are still unknown and there are no FDA-approved drugs or treatments for the disease. There is currently no cure.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

The Solve ME/CFS Initiative is the leading national non-profit organization solely dedicated to solving ME/CFS. We are committed to making ME/CFS understood, diagnosable, and treatable. SMCI works to accelerate the discovery of safe and effective treatments, strives for an aggressive expansion of funding for research that will lead to a cure, and seeks to engage the entire ME/CFS community.

To learn more, visit our website at www.solveCFS.org.