REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Lipedema is a chronic, and possibly common, condition that occurs almost exclusively in women and manifests as symmetrical buildup of painful fat and swelling in the limbs, sparing the hands and feet.

Different from obesity, Lipedema may be associated with **reduced** risk of metabolic syndrome and is often resistant to dietary or exercise-based interventions. A critical issue is the poorly understood disease biology, which for diagnosed patients results in limited treatment options that, at best, ameliorate the symptoms of Lipedema. Individuals who suffer from the disease are further impacted by the absence of diagnostic tools, as well as conflicting diagnostic criteria across practitioners. Lipedema is under-diagnosed owing to a lack of public and medical awareness of Lipedema itself, and the stigma associated with weight.

Institution	Public, private, and government-held research laboratories, medical centers, and universities	**Award Types**	USD$250k Two Year Collaborative Research
			USD$125k One Year Proof of Concept
Applicant Citizenship Requirements	None		USD$80K Two Year Mentored Awards

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The Lipedema Foundation Award Program was established in 2015 to support research that will improve the lives of people with Lipedema. LF is the world's largest sponsor of Lipedema research, having awarded over $11 million across more than 40 research awards covering a broad array of topics relevant to patient needs, including diagnostics.