Addendum: Corporate partners with specific technology interests

While the Standing Committee for the 2014-14 STAIR Grant program will include industry experts (as it did last year), representing business, investment, and entrepreneurial expertise, additionally Allied Minds, Allied-Bristol Life Sciences and Samsung Research America have expressed interest in reviewing UC Davis STAIR Grant applications with the objective of potentially identifying research opportunities that may be of strategic institutional interest. Based on potential strategic fit with their respective areas of specific technology interest and the nature and specifics of proposals submitted, these entities may explore the potential for separately funding one or more projects.

**Allied Minds**

Allied Minds, a publicly-traded venture firm, specializes in the commercialization of U.S. inventions developed at university and federal research centers of excellence. Allied Minds is expected to provide one or more reviewers, who, along with other panelists, will review applications in the following broad areas: Life Sciences, MedTech, Wireless/Mobile, Electronics, Semiconductors, Cyber Security, Big Data/IT, Advanced Materials, Energy, Robotics, AgTech, and CleanTech/Sustainability.

**Allied-Bristol Life Sciences (ABLS)**

Allied-Bristol Life Sciences (ABLS) is a joint venture between Allied Minds and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. ABLS is expected to provide one or more reviewers, who, along with other panelists, will review applications in key therapeutic areas, including fibrosis, cardiovascular diseases, oncology, immunology, virology and genetically-defined diseases.

**Samsung Research America (SRA)**

Headquartered in Silicon Valley, SRA researches and builds new core technologies to enhance the competitive edge of Samsung products. SRA’s mission is to research and develop new technologies by partnering with the best and brightest and creating a collaborative environment between industry and academia. Samsung Research America is expected to provide one or more reviewers, who, along with other panelists, will review applications in the following areas: Connected Mobile Sensors & Platforms; Ultra-Low Power Computing Platforms for Wearable Connected Devices; Fast Charging Solutions; and Machine/Deep Learning for AI (Artificial Intelligence).

**NOTE:** All of the usual STAIR Grant review criteria described in the RFP and program announcement will apply for STAIR Grant applications that fall within the technology areas listed above, just as with applications in any other areas of technology. STAIR Grant applications that lie within any of these areas will not receive an advantage and STAIR Grant applications not in any of these areas will not be disadvantaged in any way.

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