Please answer the following questions using Arial 11 point font, single spacing within paragraphs, and double spacing between paragraphs. Do not change the page margins. Applications that exceed the stated word limits may be removed from consideration.

**Q1. What is your proposed research question? *Up to 50 words***

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**Q2. Please provide your specific aims and enough detail about the approach so that reviewers can clearly understand the proposed experiments.** Include a few sentences on preliminary data if relevant. Include the longer-term goals of the project and where it is expected to take your research program in 5-10 years. *Up to 400 words, excluding references*. *Figures, graphs, tables, or pictures are not required, and if included must fit along with the <400 words in a text box no larger than a single page. If appropriate, references may be added following this question and are not included in the word and page limit.*

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**Q3. Why is the work you propose important?  How will it lead to a fundamental advance in basic biology or a substantial advance in translational biology? *Up to 200 words***

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**Q4. How will this work bring a fresh perspective to your field of study?** Briefly contextualize (and do not overstate) the novel and innovative aspects of your work. ***Up to 100 words***

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**Q5. What about your outlook/background/training gives you insight into this problem? *Up to 100 words***

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**Q6. How is this work innovative and different from that supported by your other external funding? *Up to 100 words***

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**Q7. Is this proposal a re-submission? If yes, how is this proposed project different from your original proposal? *Up to 100 words***

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**Q8. Please provide a simple timeline graphic to map out your plans for this work over the three years of the award.** *(suggested size < ½ page; maximum size 1 page)*

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