Faculty Fantasy Football, Emory FIRST style

The Office of Research in the Department of Medicine wishes to encourage collaboration among faculty. Emory FIRST, our new faculty information system, is an excellent tool to find collaborators. In order to help faculty become familiar with the search function in Emory FIRST, we are hosting Faculty Fantasy Football, Emory FIRST style. This game will allow faculty to draft a fantasy investigative team using Emory FIRST to respond to an RFA.

To play, please use Emory FIRST to put together a fantasy team of School of Medicine investigators poised to address all aspects of the RFA. Information on team requirements and scoring is available on our website. Teams should be submitted to DOMResearch@emory.edu by February 4. Winner will be announced in the February 11 What’s Up? newsletter. Winner will receive a Kaldi’s gift card.

Faculty Fantasy Football, Emory FIRST style RFA: Role of inflammation in disease progression

Inflammation is a necessary first step in wound healing, but unbridled inflammation can lead to a variety requires that you put together a team to address the role of inflammation in a common disease. Projects should have a mechanistic component that includes basic studies on induction or resolution of inflammation during the course of the disease as well as a translational component that includes testing novel inhibitors of inflammation in animals, primates or humans or epidemiological studies designed to uncover new associations between inflammation and the disease. Entries will be judged based on the composition of the team and the diversity of divisions/departments represented, as well as the suitability of the team members to address the science described in the RFA.

Instructions for using Emory FIRST

1. Log into Emory FIRST at profiles.emory.edu using your Emory credentials.
2. On the home screen, choose the menu tab to the top.
4. Search can be refined by choosing “advanced”.
5. Searching by research topic will yield the best results.
6. Separate search terms by using a comma
7. Once your team is set, use the advanced search function to go to your investigators’ home page and record their four top co-authors to document use of Emory FIRST.
Fantasy Faculty Emory FIRST Competition

Objective: To promote awareness of collaborative opportunities through “drafting” of fantasy investigative team, made up of Emory faculty, that has appropriate expertise to respond to fantasy RFA.

Game:
An RFA will be announced. Using Emory FIRST, players must draft an investigative team consisting of 3 Co-Primary Investigators (Co-PIs) and 3 Co-Investigators (Co-Is). The investigative team must be represented by at least three different DOM divisions or three different SOM departments and cannot have more than 20 faculty points.

Scoring:
Faculty points: Professors are worth five points; Associate Professors are worth four points; Assistant Professors are worth three points and Instructors/Research Associates are worth two points. Full faculty points are awarded for Co-PIs in investigative team; 50% faculty points are awarded for Co-Is. Two bonus points will be awarded if the team consists entirely of DOM faculty.

Players must use Emory FIRST to populate their team. As proof, they must provide a list of the top four co-authors for each member of their investigative team. Investigative team closest to 22 faculty points wins (20 points maximum allowed plus 2 bonus points for all DOM team). Tiebreakers will be decided by judges, who will decide winner based on diversity of DOM divisions or SOM departments represented in investigative team and frequency of relevant keywords from RFA in the Co-PIs’ and Co-Is’ bibliographies.

Example: RFA examining disparities in inflammatory disease
Professor: Griendling, Jones
Associate Professor: Hoover, Hajjar, Drenkard
Assistant Professor: Levit

Lineup: Co-PIs – Griendling (5 points), Hoover (4 points), Hajjar (4 points)
Co-Is – Levit (3 x 50% = 1.5 points), Drenkard (4 x 50% = 2 points), Jones (5 x 50% = 2.5)
Score = 19 + 2 bonus points for all DOM faculty