FORMAT OF THE APPLICATION FOR
THE ALKEK AWARD FOR PILOT PROJECTS IN EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS

Applications should be in Arial 11 point font with one-half inch margins. Each application must contain the following items in the order outlined below:

1. Cover sheet
2. Research plan: (six pages maximum)
   - Specific aims
   - Background and significance
   - Preliminary data section with animal data (for therapeutics and devices)
   - Study design, methodology, data analysis and any problem areas anticipated
3. Literature cited: Include complete citations, no page limit.
4. Budget: Provide justification for each major item. Equipment requests may not exceed 10 percent of the total grant budget (explain why existing equipment cannot be used). Unallowable costs include travel, major equipment and faculty or administrative salaries.
5. Biosketch: NIH 4-page format.
6. Letters of support: Must include letter of support for the project from the PI's Chair or Center Director. Other letters may be included as desired.
7. Commercialization potential: At the time the application is submitted, the investigator will be asked to answer the following questions to the best of his/her ability:
   - What is your product, device or therapeutic?
   - Who would buy/use it?
   - How would it replace what is currently done or change the current care paradigm?
   - What are existing competitive alternatives?
   - What is the patentability?
   - Who are potential commercial partners?
   - Assume you get the grant, where will you be at the end of the funding period and what would need to be done next?
8. Assurances and Compliance: Neither pending nor approved protocols are required with this application. However, if funded, researchers must obtain institutional approval for proposals involving human subjects, animals, radioisotopes, or biohazardous materials.