The RTW Charitable Foundation Accelerator, administered by Columbia Technology Ventures, is a strategic research alliance between the RTW Charitable Foundation and select New York-based academic institutions, to accelerate translational research in the field of rare diseases with particular interest in ultra-rare and underfunded rare diseases. Selected research projects will receive up to $125,000 in philanthropic funding.

Areas of Interest
Translational projects focused on the treatment of rare and ultra-rare diseases in the following areas:
- Central Nervous System
- Cardiovascular
- Immunology/Autoimmune (non-oncology)
Projects should be aimed towards developing treatments or technologies to improve patient lives.

Resources for Selected Projects
Applicants invited to participate in Columbia’s Lab-to-Market Boot Camp will have access to educational programming and mentorship focused on early drug development and commercialization. Accepted Full Proposals will receive up to $125,000 (including a maximum of 10% indirect costs) in philanthropic funding.

Key Dates
Pre-Proposal Deadline: 5pm Monday, November 22
Pre-Proposal Decisions Announced: mid-December
Lab-to-Market Boot Camp: January – May 2022
Full Proposals: March 2022
Presentations: April/May 2022

To Apply
Visit https://rtwcf.submittable.com to complete and submit a non-confidential pre-proposal by 5:00PM Monday, November 22.

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