The Dr. Ralph and Marian Falk Medical Research Trust was created by Marian Falk in 1979 to support biomedical research. Falk sought to fund “medical research to improve treatments of the past and eventually find cures for diseases for which no definite cure is known.” Bank of America, N.A. serves as Trustee for the Falk Medical Research Trust.

In 2014, the Falk Medical Research Trust launched a new program to fund transformational research focused on increasing the impact of its funding.

In keeping with the intention to fund breakthrough research designed to overcome roadblocks in scientific progress, there are two separate linked awards:

- The Catalyst Research Award provides one-year seed funding to help investigators lay the foundation for the Transformational Award. Select institutions are invited to submit up to two applications per grant cycle. The Program is designed to enable planning and development of projects, teams, tools, techniques and management infrastructure necessary to successfully compete for two-year awards through the Transformational Research Award Program.

- The Transformational Research Award provides two-years of additional research funding to support successful projects funded by a Catalyst Award and help them achieve their final goals. Applications will be accepted only from prior Catalyst awardees that Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at Noon EST. Please visit www.tmfgrants.org/FalkTAP for more information on the Transformational Award Program.

**Award Period:** November 30, 2015 – November 29, 2016

**Award Amount:** One-year awards of up to $400,000 (inclusive of 10% indirect costs). The number of Catalyst Awards available will be determined by the Trustee each year, depending on the availability of funds and the merit of the applications received.

**THIS IS A LIMITED SUBMISSION GRANT OPPORTUNITY.** WSU is invited to nominate up to two applicants for submission to the Program; therefore, the Office of the Vice President for Research will accept notifications of interest from investigators and select the two most competitive projects to go forward. The deadline for the external application for the Catalyst Research Award is September 22, 2015. To be considered, please submit a **one page Letter of Intent and the PI’s abbreviated CV** to rifs@wayne.edu by 5PM on Monday, September 9, 2015.