OHSU-PSU Research Pilot Award

Proposals due June 30, 2014

The BIRCWH (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health) K12 program announces a special funding opportunity for Oregon Health & Science (OHSU) and Portland State University investigators to conduct women’s health research. This OHSU-PSU Research Pilot Award is intended to support new or established research faculty interested in developing pilot data to prove feasibility of collaboration for larger federally or privately-funded research relating to women’s health and/or gender differences.

An OHSU research faculty member and a PSU research faculty member will partner on a cross-institutional research pilot. Cross-institutional research is highly valued by the NIH and other funders. This is an opportunity to prove feasibility of efforts for a larger study and to extend one’s work. The pilot project conducted using these seed funds is expected to lead to additional research fundable by federal and non-federal sources.

Potential applicant teams can propose across the full spectrum of research, including basic science, clinical investigation, information technology, health services, patient-centered outcomes, policy, public health, behavioral, and applied research. If selected, IRB or IACUC approvals will be required prior to release of funds.

Proposals are due Monday, June 30, 2014 (details below) for a one-year funding period beginning Monday, August 4, 2014.

Eligibility. The applicant team must consist of at least 1 OHSU faculty member and 1 PSU faculty member. Applications will be accepted from faculty at the rank of lecturer, assistant, associate, or full professor. Each applicant team member’s Department must agree to release the faculty to conduct the proposed research.

Support. Applicant teams will receive up to $10,000 total funds for project activities. This Pilot Award supports direct costs only. Travel and salary (for the applicant team) will not be supported by the Pilot Award. The purchase of computer equipment, unless it is integral to the research, will not be funded.

To Apply. The application consists of 6 elements and should be no more than 4 pages in length. You must outline a research plan and describe how pilot funds will help advance applicant team’s future funding.

Application Details
1. Significance of proposed research
2. Research plan. This section must include the project’s:
   • Scientific approach – study design, study methods, etc.
   • Innovation
3. Description of how this pilot project will advance team’s goals
4. Timeline – one-year timeline with specific plans for future funding applications (e.g., R01 or equivalent)
5. Biographical sketches of applicants (not included in page limit)
6. Signed letters from the OHSU and PSU faculty members indicating their intent to invest time and collaborate on the proposed research (not included in page limit)

Please email application materials to: Caitlin Dickinson at summerca@ohsu.edu

More Information. For questions or more information, please contact OHSU BIRCWH Program Director Jeanne-Marie Guise, MD, MPH at guisej@ohsu.edu or OHSU BIRCWH Project Coordinator Caitlin Dickinson, MPH at summerca@ohsu.edu.

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