REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center (MARC) at OHSU and the Portland VAMC is soliciting proposals for pilot projects that will be funded July 2015 through June 2016.

Submission deadline: 5 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2015
Submission format: By email in Word or PDF to marcinfo@ohsu.edu
Funding range: Up to $25,000
Funding start date: July 1, 2015
More info: www.ohsu.edu/marc/pilot.html

SUMMARY:
Each year the MARC provides funding for approximately three, one-to-two year projects intended to bring new research directions, approaches, and investigators into the center. Importantly, this funding is provided to generate preliminary data for future R-type grant applications. Funded projects are eligible for a second year of funding; however, PIs of projects that have received an initial year of funding must submit competing renewal type proposal, describing progress and proposed work. New and competing renewal type proposals will be evaluated each year on their scientific merit, innovation, and alignment with the MARC’s research themes, which include:

- **Neuroadaptation** to methamphetamine (MA).
- **Neurocircuitry** of MA response.
- **Impulsivity** as a predictor of MA abuse or as a characteristic that may be altered by MA.
- **Neuroimmune response** (drug-induced or endogenous differences in neuroimmune function that affect the response to MA).
- **Translation** between preclinical and clinical models of MA effects/abuse.
Who is Eligible:

All OHSU and VA faculty interested in MA research may submit proposals. Postdoctoral trainees are not eligible.

Proposal Elements:

Proposals should include the following:

1. The following forms from the NIH's PHS-398 forms page:
   - Face page - Form Page 1 -- official signatures other than yours NOT required
   - Abstract page - Form Page 2
   - Budget pages - Form Page 4, and Form Page 5, if two years of support are requested. Include written justification for budget items.
   - Biographical sketch form (including other support).

2. Research proposal, including specific aims, background, preliminary data, methods and procedures, and references (five-page limit excluding references; 6-page limit for investigators requesting a second year of funding, with the additional page devoted to the progress report). Please use NIH R01 guidelines for formatting: margin dimensions, font size, line spacing, figures and legends, etc.

3. Relationship of pilot project to center goals.

4. Explanation of need for conducting pilot project at this time (e.g., scientific, fiscal or other reasons).

Maximum budget requests should be up to $25K.

Proposals will be reviewed by at least two members of our external scientific advisory board and the MARC Director and/or Scientific Director. Recommendations for funding will be made to the MARC Executive Committee for approval, with a target start date of July 1, 2015.

For Further Information:

For examples of current MARC pilot projects, please see our website at: www.ohsu.edu/marc/comp6.html.

For questions, please contact the MARC Scientific Director, Tamara Phillips, at phillipt@ohsu.edu or 503-220-8262 x56674, or The MARC Administrative Manager, William Schutzer, at schutzer@ohsu.edu or 503-721-1413.

Please share this announcement with OHSU/VA faculty colleagues who may have an interest in submitting a proposal.