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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT: ONPRC – OCTRI Collaborative Research Program

Key Dates:

Letter of intent (LOI) deadline	March 16, 2012
LOI decision	March 23, 2012
Full application deadline (if invited)	April 6, 2012
Scientific/administrative review of full applications completed	April 20, 2012
Earliest funding start date	May 1, 2012

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

A. PURPOSE

The Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC) and the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) are now accepting Letters of Intent to apply for Pilot Projects Funding for ONPRC-OCTRI Collaborative Research. The purpose of this ongoing funding mechanism is to encourage using non-human primates (NHP) or NHP-derived materials for new collaborative projects that will lead to new external funding of research with clear translational outcome. An explicit requirement for this pilot mechanism is the substantive involvement of co-PIs from ONPRC (core scientist) and OCTRI/OHSU (faculty-level investigators). These requirements distinguish this RFA from the recently announced annual [ONPRC Pilot Research Program](#), which is running concurrently.

Priority will be given to new collaborations between established investigators at ONPRC and basic or clinical scientists at OHSU. We will also consider more modest projects utilizing existing NHP samples or materials, and which represent an extension of an existing study that could form the basis for a new collaborative research direction. Applications in the areas of genetics, metabolic disease, stem cell therapies, addition, early childhood health and development, and aging research are strongly encouraged. Awardees are expected to submit a manuscript to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal and submit a grant application to one or more external agencies as part of the successful execution of the pilot project. ONPRC and OCTRI should be informed of submitted manuscripts and/or grant applications.

B. PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. All activities related to the use of NHPs must be conducted on-site at ONPRC. Other activities can be performed at other sites, depending on the nature of the pilot project. If relevant, a subcontracting mechanism within the pilot project can be used to support a component of the pilot project performed outside of ONPRC/OHSU.

2. Pilot research funds may not be used to provide interim support for established projects or for investigations funded from other sources.
3. This solicitation is for two-three one-year projects at a suggested maximum budget of \$50,000 - \$75,000, depending on the project scope.
4. Funds for the project may be used for the following purposes:
 - Personnel, excluding salary support for core scientists.
 - Supplies.
 - Animals and animal care costs.
 - Items of equipment costing less than \$5,000 (with approval).
 - Consultants and other special services, including ONPRC/OCTRI core unit services such as surgery, pathology, assays, or clinical services.

C. OCTRI infrastructure services

OCTRI has extensive infrastructure services that may be beneficial to funded Pilot Projects and which should be included in the overall project budget as appropriate. Consultation on potential support resources and their costs will be available for prospective applicants. Use of OCTRI services depends on the individual needs of the project and will need to be budgeted. In addition, OCTRI will assist with IRB compliance preparation and submission at no charge. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of OCTRI services and budget accordingly. Funding can be used to support any direct expenditure appropriate to the research goals. A request for bridge funding for ongoing projects or to purchase equipment for use as a core resource will not be considered. For more information about OCTRI services, visit www.octri.org or contact OCTRI Research Navigator Program directly at 503-418-9790 or octri@ohsu.edu.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (11-pt Arial, single-spaced)

A. LETTER OF INTENT (1 page)

- Brief summary of the scientific plan.
- Why is this a “pilot” application and how will the data generated be applied to future funding applications?
- How does the proposed project differ from the PI’s current research?
- How can the proposed research be accomplished in 1 year at the requested budget?

B. FULL APPLICATION (6-page maximum)

An application form will be provided to finalists. The research proposal portion of the application will include the following elements:

- a. Title and specific aims (1/2 page)
- b. Significance and innovation (up to 1 page)
- c. Approach (up to 3 pages)
- d. References cited (1/2 page)
- e. Summary budget and justification (1 page) Applicants will be directed to contact the appropriate ONPRC Business Office personnel immediately upon notification of an acceptable LOI; this office requires 2 weeks for budget processing.

C. SUBMISSION

The letter of intent should be submitted to the Director’s Office, via email to Kimberly Filer at filer@ohsu.edu no later than **5 pm on March 16, 2012**. Revisions or additions to the application will not be accepted after the due date.

D. REVIEW PROCESS

Letters of Intent and subsequent applications will be reviewed by a representative panel appointed by ONPRC's Research Advisory Committee and OCTRI's Scientific Review Committee. Review criteria include scientific excellence, applicability to clinical and translational research, innovation, feasibility, and a likelihood of the project leading to successful application for national funding. Final funding decisions will be made by ONPRC/OCTRI leadership.

E. AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. IRB and IACUC approval (if needed) are required prior to the release of funds.
2. Applicants selected to submit a full proposal must submit a PPQ to ensure that OHSU/ONPRC compliance documentation is in order.
3. Submit 6-month progress reports.
4. A final report describing project accomplishments must be submitted within 60 days of the project end date.

F. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please direct all questions to Dr. Charles Roberts at robertsc@ohsu.edu or Dr. Julie Earnest at earnestj@ohsu.edu.