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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT: ONPRC Pilot 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) is soliciting proposals for the annual pilot research program. The purpose of this funding mechanism is to encourage activities related to the use of nonhuman primates for biomedical research or for studies enhancing the welfare or husbandry of NHPs. Pilot research should be developmental or high risk and should be used to generate preliminary data or results necessary to apply for support from sources of funding such as NIH grants.

B. PILOT RESEARCH 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.
2. Pilot research funds may not be used to provide interim support for established projects or for investigations funded from other sources.
3. Per current NCRR guidelines, pilot research projects must not exceed \$100,000 per year for a maximum of two years of support. This 2012 solicitation is for one-year projects at a suggested maximum budget of \$75,000.
4. Pilot grant applicants need not be ONPRC core scientists; however, if a non-core scientist is the PI, a core scientist must be involved in the planning, execution, and supervision, and must assume responsibility for overall management, coordination, and progress reports. Inquires from other NPRC investigators or PIs who are at other institutions should be directed to Dr. Charles Roberts (robertsc@ohsu.edu).
5. 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. Equipment costing more than \$5,000 must be approved by NCRR prior to beginning the pilot project.
- Consultants and other special services, including ONPRC core unit services such as surgery, pathology, assays, or clinical services.

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)

- 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

1. LOIs will be reviewed and prioritized by the ONPRC Research Advisory Committee, with the most meritorious invited to submit full proposals.
2. Full proposals will reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee and by additional ad hoc reviewers as necessary to assure appropriate scientific expertise. Each proposal will receive a score assigned by each reviewer, and mean scores will be calculated for each application.
3. Final funding decisions will be made by ONPRC 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 annual 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