

Circle of Giving

2024 Women's health research funding opportunity

Proposal Due: January 12th, 2024

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Overview

The [OHSU Center for Women's Health Circle of Giving](#) is now accepting submissions for its 2024 Women's Health research funding opportunity. Circle of Giving funding is intended to support new or established investigators interested in developing innovative research that will advance women's health. Applications will be accepted from faculty at the rank of Instructor, Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor. The award is \$125,000 for one year and funds are unrestricted.

Applications may be in basic science, clinical investigation, population health, or behavioral research. The project conducted using these seed funds is expected to be innovative and lead to additional research fundable by federal and non-federal sources. **Key selection criteria include scientific rigor, innovation, the likelihood of the proposed research leading to future funding, the investigator(s) experience and expertise, and the potential for the project to exert a sustained, tangible influence on women's health.** We ask that you consider diversity, equity and inclusion in your proposal.

The Circle of Giving brings together a community of leading women who are passionate in their support of the OHSU Center for Women's Health and its commitment to advancing research and clinical programs that address the health needs of women. Established in 2006, the Circle of Giving has awarded nearly \$3 million to support a total of 28 OHSU-led pilot studies designed to help improve women's health outcomes. Donors are interested in direct impacts on women's health.

For further information about the Circle of Giving and prior awardees, please visit our [Center for Women's Health webpage](#).

Award information

- Award amount: \$125,000.
 - Funding period is one year: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.
 - Funds are unrestricted and may be used for equipment, salary and travel (no indirect cost allocation allowed).
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Submission requirements

Application due date

- January 12, 2024; 5:00 p.m. Pacific

Submission

- Submit applications via the [Competitive Application Portal](#).

Applicant and application requirements

- Lead Principal Investigator (PI) is OHSU faculty at the rank of Instructor, Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor.
- Trainees (clinical or other fellowship), those covered by a training grant (e.g. NIH or other individual or institutional training grant), and/or post-docs are not eligible to apply independently as a PI for this funding, but are encouraged to apply as a co-investigator with an independent faculty member.
- Research directly pertains to women's health. May be in basic science, clinical investigation, population health or behavioral research.

Application format requirements

General

- Comply with word and page counts.
- All sections are required. Please use the exact heading wording for each section.

Required sections

- **Abstract**
 - Brief summary of proposal
- **Executive summary:**
 - 300 words
 - Overall summary of project

- Write this section in non-scientific language, for a lay audience.
- Be clear how this project will contribute to the advancement of women's health and how this award will lead to future funding.
- Required sections and headings:
 - Project title
 - Principal Investigator(s)
 - Problem and need
 - Goal
 - Method
 - Expected outcome
- **Main application**
 - 3 pages
 - Write this section in non-scientific language, for a lay audience.
 - Required sections and headings:
 - Background and significance
 - Methods (brief overview)
 - Innovation (conceptually or technically)
 - Rigor of science
 - Expected outcomes
- **Budget**
 - Budget template is required and available for download in the [Competitive Application Portal](#) under "Competition Files." Please see budget template for instructions.
 - Funds are unrestricted (i.e. equipment, salary, and travel). No indirect cost allocation allowed.
 - Submissions are expected to **fully** use the \$125K award.
- **Budget justification**
 - 1 page or less
 - A written explanation of how each of the line items requested in the budget will be used for the proposal.
 - Please indicate when personnel are not part of OHSU or trainees are included.
- **Research appendix**
 - 2 pages
 - This section is key for the investigator peer-review process and can be written with a professional/scientific audience in mind.
 - Required sections and headings:
 - Specific aims
 - Preliminary studies (if applicable)
 - Research design and methods
 - Expected outcomes and alternative strategies
 - References (note: references are not counted in 2-page limit)
- **Biosketch**

- Include NIH-format biosketches for principal and co-principal investigators.
 - Follow the [link](#) for instructions (re: format and content)
- **Letters of support appendix (optional)**
 - Applicants can include letters of support from collaborators or other references that pertain to the research proposal.

Sample application

An example of a successful application can be found in [the Competitive Application Portal](#). Please note: current requirements supersede formatting from the sample application. Applications this cycle must conform to the 2024 guidelines listed above.

Selection criteria

Selection criteria include, but are not limited to:

- Significance and relevance to women's health
 - The research does not need to be for conditions that only affect women but can include the gender spectrum. The research should advance our knowledge and therapeutics for conditions that have disproportionately affected women, have been underfunded and/or address a specific niche related to women's health overall.
 - Likelihood of data generated from proposal leading to new funding
 - Scientific and technical merit of the proposed research
 - Innovation of the proposal
 - Investigator(s) qualifications, expertise and experience in conducting the proposed research
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Selection process

- Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. PT, January 12th, 2024.**
- Applications are reviewed for compliance with the application and format requirements.
- Applications are peer reviewed. Other OHSU investigators with content expertise in the proposed research area evaluate them. Reviewers rate proposals and return documentation.
- Scientific Review Committee (SRC) reviews applications and peer reviews to determine finalists. The SRC is composed of key OHSU women's health researchers and faculty.
- Finalists present their proposal to Circle of Giving members at Granting Day: May 15, 2024. Circle of Giving members vote to determine the proposal that is awarded funding.

Responsibilities of grantee

In addition to the conduct of research outlined in the proposal funded, the grantee will:

- Provide updates on research progress to Circle of Giving members or other audiences as requested by the Center for Women's Health director. This may include a presentation.
- Acknowledge the Circle of Giving and the OHSU Center for Women's Health as supporters of the funded research project during national and local presentations, lectures, and in publications
- Inform the director of the Center for Women's Health when lecturing, presenting or publishing information concerning the funded research project.

Circle of Giving timeline

- Applications due: January 12, 2024; 5:00 p.m. PT
- Finalists selected: April 2024
- Circle of Giving Granting Day: May 15, 2024

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