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 2016 through June 2017.

Submission deadline: 5 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2016
Submission format: By email in PDF to marcinfo@ohsu.edu
Funding range: Up to $25,000
Funding start date: July 1, 2016
More info: www.ohsu.edu/marc/pilot

SUMMARY:
Each year the MARC provides funding for up to three 1-2 year duration pilot research projects. This funding is intended to bring new research directions, approaches, and investigators into the Center, and to provide resources for the generation of preliminary data for future R-type grant applications. Because this is the final year of funding for the current MARC, proposed projects for the July 2016 through June 2017 funding period should be for a 1-year duration. However, should the planned new MARC application receive funding for pilot projects, PIs of projects that receive funding in this final year will be eligible to request a second year of funding via a competing application process. Proposals will be evaluated on their scientific merit, innovation, and alignment with the MARC’s current research themes that 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.
ELIGIBILITY:

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 page - Form Page 4. Include written justification for budget items. Maximum budget request should be up to $25K.
   - 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). Please use NIH R01 guidelines for formatting: margin dimensions, font choice and 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).

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

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.