



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT: ONPRC Pilot Research Program

Key Dates:

Letter of intent (LOI) deadline	February 12, 2016
Full application deadline (if invited)	March 25, 2016
Scientific/administrative review of full applications completed	April 20, 2016
Earliest funding start date	May 1, 2016

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 NHP welfare or husbandry. Pilot research should be developmental or high-risk and should be used to generate preliminary data in support of applications for further project support, such as NIH, other federal, or foundation 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. This 2015 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. The core scientist's role must be specifically addressed in the application. Inquiries from other NPRC investigators or PIs who are at other institutions should be directed to Dr. Charles Roberts, Associate Director for Research (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 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, ½ inch margins)

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 appropriate ONPRC Business Office personnel immediately upon notification of an acceptable LOI.
- f) Biosketches for PI and Key Personnel (NIH format; not included in page limit)

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 February 12, 2016**.

Revisions or additions to the application will not be accepted after the due date. Letters of support are not generally required although can be submitted as appropriate in order to verify critical contributions from external collaborators. Submissions that do not follow the formatting guidelines will not be reviewed.

D. REVIEW PROCESS

1. LOIs will be reviewed and prioritized by the ONPRC Research Advisory Committee (RAC), 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

- a) Funds are restricted to supporting the research project as described in the application submitted and as approved by the RAC.
- b) IRB and IACUC approval (if needed) are required prior to the release of funds.
- c) Submit reports describing project accomplishments when requested for P51 core grant annual progress reports and 5-year renewal. ONPRC is evaluated by the NIH on the effectiveness of the Pilot Program in stimulating new research findings and publications. Important metrics for the success of Pilot Projects include new funding, publications, licenses, and patents. ONPRC may approach investigators for additional details related to the success of Pilot Projects.

- d) Awardees are expected to submit a manuscript to a peer-reviewed, scientific journal and/or submit a grant application to one or more external agencies as part of the successful execution of the pilot project.
- e) The following support acknowledgement should be included on all publications that result from ONPRC support (funding and/or infrastructure services): *This publication was made possible with support from the Oregon National Primate Research Center, grant number P51 OD011092.*

F. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please direct all questions to Dr. Charles Roberts at robertsc@ohsu.edu.