Conduits Call for Pilot Projects: Community-Engaged Research: May 1, 2013

Conduits is soliciting applications for pilot projects with an anticipated starting date of September 3, 2013. The purpose of these grants is to encourage collaborative projects between researchers and community or clinical representatives, and to gather pilot data that would make applications to extramural agencies more competitive. These pilots should demonstrate community-engagement, which is the process of working collaboratively with groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interests, or similar situations to address issues affecting the well-being of those people (CDC, 2010).

Projects will be funded at $25,000, $50,000 or $75,000 for one year. The proposals should focus on development of new high risk/high gain ideas and propose collaborative research that is translational in nature. Pilot grants may seek funding for a second year. Applications for a second year of support will be evaluated competitively with new projects, and adequate scientific progress will be used as an additional review criterion. A principal investigator must be a Mount Sinai faculty member, to serve as the administrative PI of record.

The Application

The application should have:
1) A face page listing the title of the grant, the name(s), department(s) and position(s) of the investigator(s).
2) A 250-300 word scientific abstract.
3) NIH style CVs of all investigator(s)- max 4 pages and 15 publications, and a listing of current grant support. Overlay with other current grants and pending applications should be identified and described in an additional page.
4) A budget page using the standard PHS 398 (Rev.11/07) form page 4. Funds may be requested in the Personnel, Supplies, and Other categories only. Salaries for investigators, equipment and travel are not permitted.
5) A thorough budget justification and provision of an unrestricted fund number for cost share of any unfunded personnel or other expenses.
6) A proposal that is a maximum of five pages in length (11 point Arial font, single-spaced) and includes: specific aims, significance, background, approach and timeline (reflecting that there will be no carry forward). Preliminary data is not expected and will not be a criterion for review. Additional reference pages (beyond the five pages) are permitted, as is one key recent publication that is in press.
7) Letters of support from collaborators and/or partners.

Please note: proposals that do not contain every element listed above will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF document to: Suzanne.Small-Cain@mssm.edu.

Review Process and Timeline

After technical review, all applications will be reviewed in a two-stage process. First, all applications will receive written reviews from at least two reviewers using the new NIH review format. These reviews will then be discussed by the Review Overview Committee comprised of senior faculty members who will select applications for funding.

Application Receipt: June 12, 2012 – 5:00 PM EST (there will be no extension)
Review: June 17- July 15, 2013
Notification of Awards: August 5, 2013

Please refer questions to Michelle Ramos (Michelle.Ramos@mountsinai.org).

Funding for successful applications will be initiated upon receipt of applicable GCO, IRB, and IACUC approvals. In order to receive and maintain funding, it is expected that all regulatory approvals (GCO, IRB, IACUC) should be in place within 2 months of the project start date. Failure to have IRB approval will jeopardize funding.