Chronic Brain Injury: Pilot Award Program 2018

The Chronic Brain Injury (CBI) pilot award program is to offer opportunities and resources to support innovative and collaborative research that fosters outstanding basic, clinical, and translational research and to encourage interdisciplinary teams of investigators to develop collaborations or new research opportunities. Applications should provide evidence for the strong probability of success in future funding applications, increased publication quality, and increased national reputation.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be new projects that address chronic brain injury (traumatic brain injury, chronic traumatic encephalopathy or dementias including Alzheimer's disease) with two or more co-PIs.
- All faculty at the University are eligible for funding. Department Chairs and Center/Institute Directors are not eligible to apply as principal investigator (PI).
- Applicants’ TIUs must represent two or more colleges.
- Applicants must provide matching funds of at least $25,000.00 from internal or external sources.

AWARD SCHEDULE

- 1 October 2017  RFA Release
- 1 November 2017  Letters of Intent Due
- 1 December 2017  Full Application Due
- 1 January 2018  Funding Decision
- 1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018  Funding Period

INSTRUCTIONS

Pilot applications do not need to be routed through the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP).

Teams must submit a one-page letter of intent (LOI) that clearly describes the concept, research strategy (see below), expected outcomes, estimated budget, and team qualifications. LOIs will be reviewed within two weeks and may be returned with suggestions for revision and resubmission. LOIs must be approved prior to full proposal submission.

Please email the LOI in PDF format by 1 November 2017 to Hiremath.7@osu.edu.

A complete full proposal and must include:

1. Cover page (use attached form)
2. Detailed budget including budget justification (use attached form)
3. Research proposal, limited to five pages, must include:
   - Research Strategy
     o Project aims
     o Significance
• Rationale
• Innovation
• Interdisciplinary approach

• Post-pilot award (proposed) specific aims for the “next step” project anticipated to follow the successful completion of this award; a clear statement of how pilot funding will support future submissions

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EVALUATION
• A truncated NIH-style review process will be followed.
• Applications will be peer-reviewed in December 2017 to evaluate and rank proposals.
• Applications will be prioritized and forwarded to the Chronic Brain Injury executive team for final approval based on scoring.

NOTIFICATION
• Up to 5 awards will be announced by 1 January 2018.
• Funding will not be available until final budgets and documentation of appropriate IRB, animal use approvals, and compliance with all other relevant research study regulations are provided.

FUNDING PERIOD and REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
• Funds are limited to one-time support for the project; salaries and travel for clinical- or tenure-track faculty are not supported by these funds.
• Awards are capped at $25,000, and must be supplemented by matching funds at or above $25,000. Matching funds may be cash or in-kind contributions.
• Funded from 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018 ("no-cost-extensions" will not be allowed)
• Progress reports are required and due on 15 September 2018.
• A final report is due 31 March 2019.

CBI REQUIREMENTS
• Awarded investigators are expected to:
  o Submit applications for extramural grants
  o Publish findings in scholarly journals
  o Present research at scientific meetings
  o The PI must detail how the research will lead to a competitive federal application with full indirect costs within two years of the award start date

All supported projects will be tracked and demonstrated extramural grants funding will be considered in future funding decisions. Questions can be directed to Kedar Hiremath (Hiremath.7@osu.edu), Program Coordinator for Chronic Brain Injury.