



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Multi-Center Pilot Funding Grant

AN INITIATIVE FUNDED BY
IU School of Medicine (IUSM) Council for Center/Institute
Directors and Administrators

DEADLINE: March 1, 2022 @ 11:59 p.m.

Application: **UPLOAD** via the **Start a Submission** link here: [CTSI Multi-Center Pilot Funding Link](#)

Please note that you will be submitting through the Indiana CTSI's grants management software WebCAMP.

*The WebCAMP user's guide is available under the funding announcement here:
<https://www.indianactsi.org/researchers/funding/open-funding-opportunities/>*

For RFA questions, contact the council members directly at iusm_cidirectors-l@list.iupui.edu

Contact **Julie Drisco** judrisco@iu.edu / 317-278-2822 for WebCAMP questions.

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

GENERAL

Centers and Institutes from the Indiana School of Medicine – Brown Center for Immunotherapy, Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases (CDMD), Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research, Indiana Center for Musculoskeletal Health (ICMH), Indiana Center for Regenerative Medicine and Engineering (ICRME), Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center (IUSCCC), Krannert Cardiovascular Research Center, and Stark Neurosciences Research Institute (SNRI) – support innovative research projects between members of their centers.

The goal of this initiative is to bring together members of the centers/institutes to collaborate and develop novel concepts that advance the mission of the Indiana School of Medicine and the research goals of the funding centers/institutes. Projects should be cross-disciplinary in novel areas of investigation with a goal to generate data in support of future collaborative funding opportunities.

This funding opportunity announcement invites applications from all CTSI investigators with a full-time academic appointment, at Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM, all campuses), Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Indiana University (IU, all campuses), Purdue University, or University of Notre Dame **that are members of at least one of the funding centers/institutes**. Projects supported by these funds are expected to lead to submissions of major extramural grants (NIH R01/equivalent, major foundation awards, DOD, etc.).

All applications should have a maximum requested amount of \$50,000 and be limited to a one-year duration with a start date of July 1, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants (the contact PI and Co-PI(s)) must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply.

1. Must have primary appointments at Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM, all campuses), Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Indiana University (IU, all campuses), Purdue University, or University of Notre Dame
2. Must be established investigators previously funded through external funding mechanisms such as NIH, DOD, etc.
3. Must involve a collaborative and multidisciplinary effort between members of at least two participating centers and should avoid focusing on existing collaborative relationships or efforts.

Priority will be given to new collaborative applications that address a novel area of investigation.

All eligible applicants must be independent investigators who have the education, skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research. Faculty in visiting rank and postdoctoral fellows or their equivalent are not eligible.

RESTRICTIONS/ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

1. All budgets must have a start date of July 1, 2022.

2. Budgets should not exceed one (1) year.
4. Costs may not exceed \$50,000.
5. Budget requests may not include indirect costs, F&A, PI salary, student stipends, travel expenses, membership fees, or publication charges.
6. Budget requests may not include more than \$5k for major equipment.

APPLICATION & SUBMISSION PROCESS

Application

The deadline for receipt of the application is March 1, 2022

The 2022 Grant Application Form containing detailed instructions and all the required parts can be downloaded from the **Start a Submission** link [CTSI Multi-Center Pilot Funding Link](#)

Application narratives should follow the sequence provided in the application form and be single spaced in at least 11-point Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype or Georgia typeface, using 0.5-inch margins.

Applications should follow the sequence outlined on the application form:

1. Abstract: Provide a brief summary of your project in 300 words or less. Include a proposal that details short-term plans for developing the team and longer-term plans for developing an extramural grant proposal.
2. Research Plan: Provide up to 2 pages for the project's research plan (specific aims, introduction and background, approach, how the participating centers/institutes will be involved and benefit from the proposed project, specify if and how the project will include the use of any Core facilities, and how the application will lead to future collaborative funding).

If this is a resubmission, an additional ½ page must be included which outlines how the application has been revised according to reviewers' comments. Include previous reviews in appendices.

3. References; not required but encouraged (not included in the research plan page limit)
4. Key Personnel page (include center/institute affiliation)
5. Other Support for key personnel (2 pages each)
6. NIH Biosketch for all PIs (include center/institute affiliation)
7. Facilities and Resources Description
8. Budget and justification
 - Supplies and costs must relate directly to the performance of the project.
 - Travel and faculty salaries are not allowed
 - Student stipends are not allowed
 - Core costs should be budgeted at the internal rate

9. Approved regulatory documents (if available)
10. Letters of support from collaborators
11. Previous reviews, if applicable

MECHANISM FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

1. Applications will be considered one time per year.
2. Submit the proposal via uploading to the CTSI Grants Management mechanism using the **Start a Submission** link here [CTSI Multi-Center Pilot Funding Link](#)

POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS

1. Awards cannot be given without proof of any applicable regulatory documentation. It is, therefore, important that applicants be ready to submit any necessary IACUC or IRB documents at the time of award notification.
2. Any publications and/or grant submissions from this study should acknowledge this initiative and the funding centers/institutes. The appropriate acknowledgement statement will be provided by the affiliated Center with the award notification.
3. Completion of an annual progress report while the project is still active and annually for three years following the completion of funding to collect outcomes and impact. (Please note: If a one year no cost extension is given, then the project will require an additional progress report.) Reports will be due in December and an online link will be sent via the Indiana CTSI staff.
4. Presentation of findings and/or grant results to the funding centers/institutes members/investigators at one or more sponsored events. The time and place of these presentations is dependent on the funding centers/institutes.
5. Notification to the IU School of Medicine (IUSM) Council for Center/Institute Directors and Administrators in writing, if you leave your institution before the project is complete and/or if the project is transferred to another PI.
6. Requested grant funding period cannot exceed 12 months. However, funded projects may be extended for up to one year with approval. When circumstances prevent a Principal Investigator (PI) from completing their proposed project objectives by the award end date and funds are still available, the PI should consider a no-cost extension (NCE).

In order to request a no-cost extension for this grant, please use the following instructions to help you through the process. Notably, a no-cost extension **MUST** be requested in advance of the end date of the award.

The PI should send the following information to the IU School of Medicine (IUSM) Council for Center/Institute Directors and Administrators iusm_cidirectors-l@list.iupui.edu

- Grant mechanism

- Principal Investigator
- Title of project and original expiration date
- Summary of work accomplished to date
- Reasons for delay in project and extension request
- New end date requested
- Copies of latest, approved, applicable regulatory documents
- Account number, remaining balance, and how the remaining funds will be spent during the extension

REVIEW CRITERIA

The application will be reviewed and scored based on its scientific merit by internal and external technical reviewers, and the final selection will be determined by the IU School of Medicine (IUSM) Council for Center/Institute Directors and Administrators.

The research plan should address the following review criteria:

1. Quality – high standards of scholarship
2. Impact – the results of the proposed project must show a strong potential for subsequent extramural funding (for example; NHGRI, NIA, NIAAA, NIBIB, NIDA, NIMH, NINDS, DOD, and/or the VA).
3. Future plan - briefly specify plans for publication, applying extramural funding, and timeline

RESUBMISSIONS

Applications not funded on an initial submission may be resubmitted at the next call for proposals. An application can be resubmitted one additional time. Please include a half page Introduction in which the applicants can address any prior review critiques or explain how the revised submission differs from the first application.