

Request for Applications Flexible, High Value Early Career Faculty Award

The Pepper OAIC Coordinating Center is seeking proposals for a new type of application that allows maximal flexibility and creativity. In the 1-page applications, proposers will explain how their proposed use of the funds (up to \$5,000) will: 1) help advance the applicant's career; and 2) build cross-center collaboration. Use of funds must be in accord with general NIH guidelines. Examples might include: new software, minor equipment, key lab supplies, shared tech, etc.

Applications should include the following:

- Project description: one page, 300 word max, Ariel 11 font.
 - How the funds will be used
 - Projected timeline for use of the funds - all funds must be spent < 12 months
 - Anticipated outcomes
- A separate reference page with up to 10 references is allowed
- One-sentence endorsement/commitment letter from Director of submitting OAIC
- A copy of IRB/IACUC approval letter will be required at the time of award (if applicable)

Review Criteria

- Led by Early Career Faculty and likelihood of advancing their career
- Relevance to the overall Pepper Program theme of improving physical function and preventing and / or reversing physical disability in older persons
- Builds collaboration between 2 or more Pepper Centers
- Feasibility
- Innovation
- Likelihood that funding will result in key manuscripts and / or future extramural funding
- Potential to 'leverage' other available resources to support the overall initiative.

Submission Deadlines

Applications will be due to the Pepper Coordinating Center by **January 11, 2021**.

Contact: Questions regarding the application process should be directed to Abby Archer (peppercenter@wakehealth.edu) and/or Dalane Kitzman (dkitzman@wakehealth.edu).