

Rapid / Freezer Pilot Fund Request for Applications

Overview

The Pepper OAIC Coordinating Center is seeking proposals to accelerate progress for clinical and translational research projects. These funds are intended to be small (<\$7,500), efficient, relatively short term awards that can generate preliminary data for submission of collaborative extramural grant applications and/or high impact publications.

We particularly encourage novel uses of existing data, specimens (blood or tissue), or images from OAIC and aging-related research repositories. Examples include the new NIA Aging Research Biobank, the Wake Forest OAIC's IASDR (Integrated Aging Specimen and Data Repository), specimens available at other OAICs or NIA-supported centers, and specimens available from trials relevant to aging, including LIFE, HEALTH-ABC, and others. Website links are referenced below.

Example projects include, but are not limited to, analyses of existing data or biospecimens, ancillary studies adding a new dimension to ongoing or past studies, novel assays, technology, data collection or analyses. Applicants should be faculty with a rank of instructor or higher from Pepper-affiliated institutions.

Application Process involves the following

- Project Summary (250 word max)
- What research question(s) are you trying to answer and what is your planned approach? (1000 word max)
- What will you do with the answer when you have it? (250 word max)
- Details about how these funds will be spent and a justification of the expenses (250 word max)
- Projected timeline for use of the funds - all funds must be spent < 12 months; shorter preferred (250 word max).
- Funds will be awarded for up to \$7,500 (assay kits, materials, and invoices will be paid directly by Coordinating Center)
- A copy of IRB/IACUC approval letter will be required at the time of award (if applicable).
- Applications should address: 1) A clinical or translational research focus and Pepper theme; and 2) Plans to use this funding to develop a larger clinical or translational multidisciplinary project or a high impact publication.

Review Criteria

- Relevance to the overall OAIC theme.
- Research feasibility and innovation.
- Quality of the science.
- Development of future projects. Likelihood that funding will result in proof of principle or pilot data that will result in the submission of a larger extramural grant application, and / or lead to key publications.
- Demonstrated need.
- 'Leverage'- other resources that are will support the overall initiative.
- Involvement of 2 or more NIA-supported centers is strongly encouraged, preferably OAICs, but can include other NIA-supported center as long as the lead is an OAIC center.
- Involvement of early career faculty is encouraged.

Links of Interest

NIA Toolkit: <https://agingresearchbiobank.nia.nih.gov/>

WFU IASDR: https://www.peppercenter-wfu.org/public/bio_materials.cfm

Submission Deadlines

Applications will be due to the Pepper Coordinating Center by May 17, 2019.

Contact:

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