Announcement for Pilot Project Proposals in Environmental Health Research

Awards up to $35,000 for 1 year • Expedited Review Process • Award Notice: December, 2017
Application Deadline October 23, 2017 • Statistical Consultation Deadline: October 9, 2017

The NIEHS Center for Environmental Health in Northern Manhattan is seeking innovative and promising pilot project proposals in all areas of environmental health. With the Center primarily researching respiratory disease, cancer, and neurotoxicology/neurodegenerative disorders, priority will be given to projects that focus on the thematic goal of the Center: to understand the impact of environmental exposures over the life course with a major focus on air toxics and bio-aerosols, oxidative stress, epigenetics, and climate change or that involve community-based participatory research.

Applicants will have access to the Center’s Facility Cores at no or limited cost depending upon the extent of use and are encouraged to discuss their projects with the Core Directors. See the Center website for a detailed description of the Exposure Assessment, Trace Metals and Integrative Health Sciences Cores.

Requirements

- **Budget and Timeline:** Pilot project proposals can request up to $35,000 and should be completed within two years.
- **Eligibility:** A major goal of the Center is to assist in generating preliminary data for the development of a R01 or similar grant; therefore applicants must have academic positions that allow grant submissions. Junior faculty with ideas for innovative projects are strongly urged to apply. Senior faculty and all Center members are eligible if expanding their research into new areas of environmental health or proposing an inter-Center collaboration with investigators at another NIEHS P30 Center.
- **Prior approval required for international studies:** contact Dr. Matt Perzanowski

Instructions for Submission

Prior to submitting a proposal, each applicant is required to set up a statistical consultation with Dr. Seamus Thompson before October 9, 2017. Complete the Pilot Projects Application found on the Center website. Applications should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to Ms. Gail Garbowski by 5pm on the deadline date. The application should include the following sections (the Cover Page and Project Description sections when combined should not exceed 3-5 pages):

- **Cover Page** (title, abstract in lay language, investigators and affiliations, etc.)
- **Project Description** (environmentally relevant Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Study Design and Methods, Use of Facility Cores, and Future Plans that outline how results will lead to a larger project, Timeline)
- **Budget** (PI salary support is not permitted)
- **References**
- **NIH Formatted Biosketches** (For all key personnel)

Review Process

All pilot proposals will undergo a single review process with both internal and external reviewers. Based on these scores and Center priorities, final funding decisions will be made by the Executive Committee within six weeks. Funding is contingent upon IRB (human subjects) or IACUC approval (animals) if applicable.

Contacts

Investigators interested in submitting proposals are encouraged to discuss them with Deputy Director Dr. Matt Perzanowski or Director Dr. Andrea Baccarelli. For administrative issues, contact Ms. Gail Garbowski. Additional information can be found on the Center’s Pilot Project webpage.