

CALL FOR INTERNAL PROPOSALS
DEVELOPMENT OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS
FOR HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

Introduction

The Office of Research requests proposals for a small grant program to support collaborative research teams to develop grant proposals in the areas of health and biomedical sciences and engineering.

The intent is to facilitate the formation of interdisciplinary research teams that address complex topics of concern in the health and biomedical fields. Funded teams will be expected to provide a project update in late fall 2017, to submit one or more grant proposals by the end of 2018, and report on plans for future collaborations.

Below is the information for developing and submitting a proposal to this competition. **Proposals are due by 9:00 am on Monday, April 3, 2017.** Please submit questions to Kathleen Koch at kjk@uwm.edu.

Program Summary

1. Award Information

Projects will be funded up to \$15,000 and must be completed between July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018. Two to four awards are anticipated.

2. Eligibility

Investigative teams must include at least three faculty and/or scientists as lead investigators. The team must span at least two disciplines (as represented by department-level units at UWM). Inclusion of at least one non-UWM research team member is encouraged but not required. The quality of the team is critical because one goal is to establish an on-going team that can collaborate on a series of projects.

3. Budget

Funds must be used for activities that lead to the development of external proposals. Given the size of the awards, salary support for lead investigators cannot be requested. Funds must be used to support proposal development; potential uses would include funding investigator meetings, staff support, travel, and supplies.

4. Reports

For funded projects, the lead investigators will be expected to provide a project update in late fall 2017, submit one or more grant proposals by the end of 2018, and report on plans for future collaborations (fall 2018).

Proposal Instructions

1. Cover Sheet: Maximum ONE page

- Project title
- List each lead investigator and provide the names, departments, and emails for each.
- Brief summary of project.
- List the specific agencies (NIH, NSF, private foundation, etc.) and grant opportunities (if possible) that might support this project, and provide the anticipated budget request for each.

2. Narrative: Maximum TWO single-spaced pages

- Identify the problem the team will address
- Describe how the team will work together to address the problem
- Describe the potential impact of the proposed work and collaboration
- Describe how this project will help the team develop a long term plan for research and proposal activity

3. Budget and Budget Justification: Maximum ONE page

- Project Personnel (Salary support for the lead investigators is not allowed)
- Materials and Supplies
- Travel
- Other

Proposal Submission

Submit the proposal as a single PDF file to Kathleen Koch at kjk@uwm.edu by 9:00 am on Monday, April 3, 2017.

Internal Review Panel

The review panel will consist of Mark Harris, Paula Rhyner, Adel Nasiri, Rachel Schiffman, and one to two other faculty members selected to reflect the diversity of proposals.

Internal Review Criteria

Lead investigators will be required to make a brief (10-15 min) presentation of their proposal in mid-April to the review panel and other interested parties. The intent is to allow UWM health and biomedical investigators to learn about research outside their immediate interests.

Evaluators are asked to apply the following criteria in assessing applications:

1. Alignment of the team with the proposed project.
2. Anticipated quality of the funding proposals
3. Potential for external support
4. Ability of the team to sustain their collaboration