
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM

Proposals due Friday, May 30, 2014

DATE: May 7, 2014

TO: Faculty: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

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SUBJECT: Request For Proposals for 2014 Pilot Program

The NIEHS Center for Environmental Exposures and Disease (CEED), in collaboration with the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI), is soliciting applications for its 2014 Pilot Project Program. Pilot funding supports new environmental health research with the potential to improve human health. CEED is funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (P30-ES005022).

The mission of CEED is to understand how environmental exposures are integrated with host and environmental factors to influence human diseases, and to use this information to improve human health through education, outreach, and mechanistically based intervention, prevention, and treatment modalities.

This year's RFA encourages interdisciplinary approaches to environmental health sciences. For examples of recent pilot projects, see the CEED website:

http://eohsi.rutgers.edu/ceed/pilot_project_program

A maximum of \$25,000 will be available for each grant; however, budgetary justification will be a significant component in reviewing these grants. The program is open to all Rutgers faculty members, with special consideration given to new faculty members. Membership in the NIEHS Center or in EOHSI is not required, however, collaborative projects with CEED/EOHSI members are strongly encouraged.

Application Procedures

Each proposal must include the following components, for a total of approximately 8-12 pages.

Project Narrative: up to four pages (single-spaced, 11 pt. font, 1" margins):

- A. Title of Project
- B. Investigators (include names, titles, addresses, e-mail and phone numbers)
- C. Hypothesis
- D. Background and significance
- E. Specific Aims, with timeline
- F. Methods and data analysis *

- G. Expected Results **
- H. Relevance to NIEHS Center
- I. Planned Use of NIEHS Facility Cores
- J. References (1-5 key references)

Budget:

- K. Budget - Direct Costs only - Indirect costs are not permissible
- L. Budget Justification
- M. Other Support Page (NIH format)

Budget Considerations

- No equipment, travel, graduate student stipends, or faculty salary will be supported.
- Awards will not be granted to the same investigators more than 2 years consecutively.
- Undergraduate stipends up to \$6,000/year (\$3,000/semester) are allowable.

Additional Documentation:

- N. Biosketch, NIH format (2-4 pp.); <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.pdf>

***** Notes**

* **IRB/IACUC:** Projects involving human or animal subjects must have protocols pre-reviewed for adherence to IRB/IACUC requirements, by department or EOHSI senior faculty.

** **Expected results:** to enhance scientific discovery relevant to environmental health; publications; grant applications to NIH, especially NIEHS

Review Process

The Director of the Pilot Project Program will first review all of the applications to determine if the application meets the basic criteria, and will triage any non-adherent applications immediately. All eligible applications will be sent out for review by internal and external reviewers. Applicants may be asked to give a 10-minute presentation of their project to the Review Committee. Review of the Pilot Grant proposals will take place in June 2014. Successful applications will be funded by July 1, 2014.

Awards and Reporting

Successful applicants will be sent award letters, including instructions regarding expenditure of funds, by June 27, 2014. All funds must be spent by March 1, 2015, at which time awardees must provide an interim progress report. Funded applicants will be required to give an oral presentation of the project outcome at an NIEHS Center members' meeting one year post-funding.

Inquiries and Submission of Proposals:

Please e-mail your application by May 30, 2014 to:

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