# JCESOM/ACTSI Spring Pilot Funding Opportunity at Marshall University

#### **KEY DATES:**

RFA release: April 14, 2015

Application deadline: May 8, 2015

Earliest funding start date: June 1, 2015

## **PURPOSE:**

Undertake novel biomedical/translational/clinical research to obtain adequate preliminary data to compete for external peer reviewed funding. Focus on areas pertaining to health disparities in Appalachia preferred. Ideally should fit into institutional programmatic funding opportunities (e.g. NIH COBRE, PPG).

#### PILOT PROJECT FUNDING DETAILS:

Amounts of up to \$25,000 in total direct costs over 12 months (up to 5-6 awards will be made based on the number of meritorious applications).

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Proposals must meet four criteria:

- Faculty who have not received institutional support in the last 18 months will be given preference to encourage new and junior investigator participation.
- The overall goal of the grant must be to expand the project into a large programmatic grant (COBRE, PPG, CTR) etc.
- The research plan should preferably address a significant health disparity in Appalachia
- Full time faculty appointment within the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine as basic scientists, clinical scientists, health services, and public health researchers is necessary to apply to this RFA.

#### **ALLOWABLE COSTS:**

- Salary and fringe support for study coordinators, graduate students, clinical trainees, post-doctoral and clinical fellows are permitted
- Supplies and other research infrastructure expenses
- Salary and fringe support for faculty and use for indirect costs are not permitted

# **REVIEW CRITERIA:**

- Outstanding scientific merit
- Clear demonstration that translational/clinical research topic as a priority
- Focus on Appalachian health disparities
- Quality of a proposed plan for future external funding.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

The following materials **MAY ONLY** be submitted to the on-campus application link located here: (https://redcap.marshall.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=zeK92UXFKL)

- 1. Research Proposal
  - a. Title of Project
  - b. Specific Aims 1 Page
  - c. Significance, Innovation, Impact, Preliminary studies, Research Design, all not to exceed 2 pages.

(Below are not included in the 3 page limit)

- d. Biosketch in NIH format –for PI, CO-PI, COLLABORATORS
- e. Bibliography cited
- f. Appendix of manuscripts submitted/accepted for publication in peer reviewed journals
- g. Project timeline (up to 18 months; include IRB approval process in the timeline)
- h. Budget and budget justification
- i. Institutional Review Board approval must be obtained before the research component of the project begins, even if the study is exempt.
- 2. Future plans for the PI to conduct research and timeline for subsequent grant submissions (must identify at least one specific RFA or PA)

### **AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Progress reports will be required during the life of the project (every six months) and annually thereafter for up to three years.
- Awardees may be required to make oral presentations and written summaries to outline research team progress and challenges
- The ACTSI is evaluated by the NIH on its effectiveness in stimulating new research findings and publications.
  The following support acknowledgement should be included on all publications that result from ACTSI support:

# **ACTSI INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:**

Investigators are encouraged to utilize ACTSI resources including biostatistics/study design consultation, regulatory document preparation and faculty development mentoring.

For ACTSI support services please contact Dr. Todd Davies. 304 691 1836

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