

2023-2024 UIC-UIUC *Applied Health Sciences* Interdisciplinary Collaborative Grant Program

The Colleges of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) are pleased to announce the new Collaborative Grant Program. This program aims to foster and incentivize collaborations and equitable partnerships among faculty at UIC and UIUC, with the goal of creating and positioning cross-campus interdisciplinary teams to obtain larger internal and external grants.

ELIGIBILITY: Principal investigators must be tenured or tenure-track faculty (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professors) or specialized faculty (Teaching, Research, Clinical) in the Colleges of Applied Health Sciences, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois Chicago. Teams must include a co-PI from each campus.

PHASE 1 - Letter-of-Intent: Letter of intent (limit 1 page) should include: a description of the initial idea or research area; its importance for health sciences research; potential for external funding; and a brief description of the investigators, including the synergism of the team. The **due date for LOI submission will be Monday October 2, 2023**. The selection of teams to move to Phase 2 will be based on the combined strengths of the interdisciplinary team, the research idea, and its potential to secure external funding. **Investigators will be notified of the disposition of their LOI by Monday October 16, 2023.** Please submit your letter of intent [here](#). If needed and after LOI selection, upon request, we will supply financial support (up to \$1,000) for in-person meetings between investigators at UIC and UIUC to plan the Phase 2 proposal.

PHASE 2 - Pilot Grant: We will provide \$40,000 of support for the execution of a project to generate pilot data and demonstrate team capabilities for external funding. All research teams are expected to submit an external grant application for competitive review to a federal funding agency within 24 months of initiating the seed grant. Up to two grants will be funded in this call.

The due date for submission for this phase will be Monday January 22, 2024. The grant period will be from May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025. Final report will be due June 30, 2025, and should include a list of any abstracts, presentations, papers, or grants submitted based on the work.

REVIEW CRITERIA: Applications will be reviewed according to the following 6 criteria:

- Significance
- Investigators
- Synergy of team
- Innovation
- Approach
- Potential for external funding

Applications must include the following items:

- **Title Page**
 - Project Title
 - Investigator Names (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name), rank and year and highest degrees. **Note about Investigators.** For multiple applicants, put the name of the primary investigator at the top, followed by other investigators. For multiple investigators, the primary investigator is responsible for the administration of funding. The PI must be a faculty member in the College of Applied Health Sciences at UIC or UIUC and each team must include a co-PI or co-I from each campus
 - Contact Information for Investigator(s) Submitting Grant
- **Lay Proposal Summary** (100 words or less)
- **Budget Request and Justification**
 - a. For Research Assistants: \$ amount requested
 - b. For Research Support (non-RA): \$ amount requested
 - c. Total Funding Requested: total funding \$ requested
 - d. How funds will be equitably split between the 2 campuses
 - e. Non-UIC or UIUC investigators can be on the research team but no salary support
- **How does your proposal support collaboration between the two campuses?** (Limit 1 page)
- **Proposal Narrative-must not exceed three (3) pages** (not including references), single-spaced, half-inch margins, use font 11-point Arial. Narratives should address each area of the review criteria.
- **Future Grant Submission Information:**
 - a. How does pilot project support plans to obtain external funding?
 - b. Targeted Federal Agency or other Funding Opportunity
 - c. Targeted Submission Date
- **Include attachments**
 - a. NIH or NSF style biosketch for each investigator
 - b. Any letters of support from community or other partners named in proposal
 - c. Approval of each department head (email)

ALLOWABLE AND NON-ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

The Pilot Grant Program funds are intended for direct research costs (e.g. wages for RAs and hourly student employees, supplies, travel relative to research project, and small equipment). If graduate research assistantships are to be awarded with the grant, the grant will only cover the stipend and not the tuition waiver.

Allowable expenses

- Research supplies
- Graduate or undergraduate student salaries or wages
- Equipment/software not currently available
- Subject reimbursement or animal purchase and per diem
- Research services, such as charges for core facilities

Unallowable expenses

- Faculty, post-doc, or research technician salaries
- Full-time appointments
- Dissertation project research costs which are not clearly also faculty research costs
- Tuition
- Conference travel
- Publication fees
- Workshop/conference attendance
- Remodeling or construction expenses
- Non-research costs
- Meals/refreshments (unless for subjects and participants)

SUBMISSION OF PHASE 2 APPLICATION

Submit **one** PDF file of the application [here](#).

Funding will be contingent on obtaining the appropriate IACUC/IRB protocol approvals for the projects (if applicable).