

CARLE ILLINOIS COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH SEED PROGRAM

PROPOSED DEADLINES

Program Announcement: February 9, 2016
Call for Proposals: February 20, 2016
Proposal Deadline: April 20, 2016
Award Notification: by May 27, 2016

PROGRAM GOALS

The Carle Illinois Collaborative Research Funding Program welcomes research proposals from a broad array of disciplines and clinical areas. With this funding we hope to:

- Foster collaboration between Carle clinicians and Illinois researchers
- Support innovative approaches to the challenges facing clinical care
- Promote opportunities to improve positive health outcomes
- Acquire preliminary data for a subsequent external collaborative grant application
- Stimulate significant external research or clinical trial funding from either government or corporate sources

All proposals must have a lead investigator from Carle and a lead investigator from Illinois, with the expectation that all projects reflect a true collaborative partnership (i.e., that investigators from both institutions will play significant and essential roles in the project). The program will not provide interim or incremental support for existing research programs or projects that do not represent a significant opportunity for future expanded externally funded research. Projects should not anticipate additional internal funding after the seed money is exhausted.

FUNDING LEVELS

Applicants may apply for up to \$50,000 for a one year project to support project costs such as supplies, staff time, research facility use fees etc. The program does not provide salary support for investigators. We anticipate making up to five awards, but the number and size of awards will be determined by the size of the projects and the available budget.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Proposals must include at least one investigator from each institution.
- Lead Investigators on projects must be full-time members of the Illinois faculty or Carle Foundation Hospital clinical staff.
- Faculty and clinical staff may not be lead investigators on more than one proposal.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Projects must demonstrate the potential to broadly impact clinical outcomes.
- Projects in areas of strategic significance, as articulated

in institutional strategic plans, may be given priority.

- Projects must leverage existing strengths and/or areas of potential excellence
- Proposals should describe how the short and long-term success of the project will be measured. (Although terminology differs among disciplines, projects must clearly articulate anticipated outcomes/end points/goals and the steps/milestones/objectives by which they will be achieved.)
- Proposals must describe mechanisms for the sustainability of the project. Proposals should indicate, in as specific terms as possible, future plans for both internal and external sources of support (e.g., corporate, government agency, private foundation) for this work into the future.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application process begins with the preparation of a no longer than a five-page, single-spaced proposal.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

1. Coversheet: Investigators names and affiliation, contact information, project title, funding amount requested

2. Format: Proposals should not exceed three pages (single space, 1-inch margins, minimum 10 pt font size, figures included). References and the estimated budget are not included in the three-page limit. Supplemental attachments are not permitted.

3. Content of the proposal:

Section I. Project Abstract:

Describe the proposed research in language understandable by diverse, non-expert reviewers

Section II. Project Narrative

- a. Describe the research project including its potential for broadly impacting clinical care and health
- b. Discuss how the proposed activities will leverage existing strengths or areas of potential excellence.
- c. Describe the role and qualifications of PI and Co-PIs

Section III. Budget

a. Budget: provide a budget estimate not to exceed \$50,000 and one-year's duration. Estimates should be broken down into major expense categories (e.g., personnel, minor equipment/equipment use fees, supplies, collaboration support). Download budget template (PDF or MS Word).

REVIEW COMMITTEE

Review process will be overseen by the Carle Illinois Research Innovation Committee established through the Carle Illinois Research Affiliation Agreement. The committee may consult with internal or external experts to provide additional input regarding project feasibility and innovation.



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