

**Medical College of Wisconsin
The Injury Research Center Seed Grant Program
Notice of Availability of Funds for 2010**

A. Purpose

The Injury Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin (IRC-MCW) is soliciting applications for innovative injury prevention and control research proposals for the fiscal year 2010. The Injury Research Center Seed Grant Program is intended to enhance and support the pool of highly qualified investigators at MCW who can make future contributions to research in the scientific field of injury prevention and control.

B. Key Dates

RFA Release Date: April 1, 2009

Application submission to Grants and Contracts: July 13, 2009

RFA Application Receipt Date: July 20, 2009

IRC Research Core Reviews: July 27, 2009

IRC Steering Committee Reviews: August 31, 2009

Notification of Award: September 18, 2009

Anticipated Start Date: January 1, 2010 (IRB approval, if applicable, must be obtained prior to start date)

C. Availability of Funds

The size of individual awards may vary, and may total up to \$80,000 for projects lasting up to 2 years (\$40,000/year). It is expected that awards will begin on or around January 1, 2010. Funding estimates are subject to change.

D. Award Overview

Areas of focus for the Injury Research Center's Seed Grant Program encompass the broad spectrum of injury prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation research for both intentional and unintentional injuries. Additionally, investigators are encouraged to submit proposals that focus on developing and translating science-based information into efficacious prevention programs, improved clinical care, and cutting-edge rehabilitation. Proposals for both clinical and bench-based research will be considered. Projects must be aligned with an injury priority area from any of the following agencies: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Defense, Department of Transportation Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and/or National Institutes of Health.

The seed program is designed to support studies by new and established investigators, who are taking new and distinct directions on current or previous research and are interested in a career in injury prevention and control. Priority will be given to those projects that explicitly describe a pathway towards extramural funding from federal agencies.

E. Eligible Applicants

All principal investigators should hold a doctoral degree (PhD, MD, Dr. PH, etc.) and must have the rank of faculty at the Medical College of Wisconsin to be eligible. Junior investigators and those without a research track record in injury research are encouraged to apply but must specify a mentorship plan and describe in the proposal how this project fits in with their intended career path.

F. Application Content

The format of the Public Health Service (PHS) 398 (rev. 11/07) structure for research proposals should be used including, the Face Page, Page 2 (Description, Performance Sites, Key Personnel, Other Significant Contributors), Table of Contents, Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period, Budget for the Entire Period of Support, NIH biosketches for key personnel, and a complete research plan. PHS forms and instructions are available at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>.

Key sections of the Research Plan include Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies, and Research Design and Methods. The Research Plan should not exceed 15 pages in length, excluding references, appendices and letters of support. Up to three appendices may be included but should not be used to circumvent the page limits.

Key elements in the proposal should include the following:

- ⇒ Injury control context of the study
- ⇒ Linkage with federal agency's injury priority area (s)
- ⇒ Objective
- ⇒ Design
- ⇒ Setting
- ⇒ Participants of the study
- ⇒ Intervention being addressed
- ⇒ Main outcome measurements
- ⇒ Expected results
- ⇒ Timelines
- ⇒ Costs
- ⇒ Plans for translation or dissemination of study results, as appropriate

G. Budget

The budget should not exceed \$80,000. Proposals that exceed \$80,000 will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed. Only direct costs that can be tied to the needs of the project should be included in the budget. Indirect costs are not permitted. Requested salaries may not exceed the current NIH salary cap.

H. Review Process

Applications will be reviewed and scored by members of the Injury Research Center's Research Core. Review criteria include: significance (scientific merit, originality, contribution to field), approach (design, methods, feasibility), investigator experience, and career development potential. In addition, the application will be assessed for its relevance to the injury prevention and control research agenda of a key federal agency, the potential for leveraging future

extramural support, and non-supplanting of available resources. Those applications with the highest scores will be reviewed by the IRC Steering Committee and the top two will be funded.

I. Submission and Deadline

Applications are due no later than July 20, 2009.

An electronic copy of the grant submission and attachments must accompany the application as a single PDF file via CD Rom or e-mail attachment to Ann Christiansen at the Injury Research Center (Phone: 414-456-7660; Email: achristi@mcw.edu).

One original, signed, hard copy of the application should be turned in or mailed to the attention of:

Ann Christiansen, MPH
Injury Research Center
8701 Watertown Plank Road
Milwaukee, WI 53226
phone: 414-456-7660
fax: 414-414-6470
e-mail: achristi@mcw.edu

The applicant should provide the name and phone number of the individual to contact concerning fiscal and administrative issues if additional information is necessary following the initial review.

If the proposed project involves organizations or persons other than those affiliated with the applicant organization, letters of support and/or cooperation must be included. If the proposed research involves human subjects, it should be stated if such organizations or persons are to be engaged in the research with the applicant organization and how they will be obtaining IRB approvals prior to the awarding of funding.

Questions regarding this seed grant program or specific proposals may be addressed to:

E. Brooke Lerner, PhD Phone: 414-805-0113 or Email: eblerner@mcw.edu

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