

Dear Investigators,

As a member of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Iowa, I am pleased to announce a call for applications to our Pilot Grant Program that encourages multidisciplinary team science.

Highlights of the Pilot are:

1. Funding Details
 1. Up to \$25,000 for a funding period starting in April 2024 through March 2025
 2. No University of Iowa faculty salary or meeting travel will be supported
 3. It is expected that pilot projects lead to grant or contract submissions
 4. Publications that result from the pilot grant program, in whole or in part, must recognize support of the Institute's Pilot Grant Program
2. We require investigators to declare what translational science stage they are approaching (T0-T4) mostly to begin the institutional culture change needed to advance translation.
3. Pilot projects must focus on advancing translational **science** (and/or removing the barriers). Translational research projects per se (e.g. projects focused on a particular target or disease, but do not build on or establish processes or principles applicable to other diseases), will not be allowed. (See the following [link](#) to learn more about translational science vs translational research) Projects are intended to: (1) explore innovative new leads or new directions; (2) stimulate team approaches that incorporate less traditional researchers and (3) provide initial support to establish proof of concept for translational science. Projects must be feasible within the proposed timeframe, have high methodological and scientific quality, and answer important translational science questions.
4. Awardees will be required to attend one Team Science workshop after award announcement
5. Team composition: Each research team will be required to focus aspects of the project on community engagement and involve a community stakeholder or researcher in their team. Teams are encouraged to reach out to Heather Reisinger (heather-reisinger@uiowa.edu) as they plan their community engagement activities.
6. ICTS Services (Mobile Technology Lab; Clinical Research Trials Office; Biomedical Informatics; Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design; Qualitative Core; Community Engagement; etc.) used for this project are available at no cost to awardees. Please reach out to ICTS Cores as your team designs the pilot study to establish appropriate scope.

Application:

1. Two-stage application
 1. Submit a one-page letter of intent (LOI) with individual faculty NIH or NSF Biosketches due December 1, 2023. LOIs should be sent to Jamie Thrams (Jamie-thrams@uiowa.edu)
 2. Applicants will be notified after December 15, 2023 if they have been selected to submit a full proposal

3. Selected applicants will be asked to submit a full proposal through InfoReady Review (<https://uiowa.infoready4.com>) by January 19, 2024. The proposal should be limited to 5 pages.
 1. Pilot Grant Application (available at <https://icts.uiowa.edu/investigators/pilot-grant-programs>)
 2. Please include:
 1. IRB application unique to the study of the pilot application (Clinical Trial studies should start their IRB application as early as possible to meet this requirement)
 2. Abstracts/Relevance (maximum of 250 words/2,000 characters, including spaces)
 3. Specific Aims
 4. Background and Preliminary Data
 5. Research Plan
 6. Budget
 1. Justification

Awardees will be notified by February 9, 2024.

More information to apply can be found at <https://icts.uiowa.edu/investigators/pilot-grant-programs>

Questions can be directed to Jamie Thrans (jamie-thrans@uiowa.edu)