The University of Kentucky Center for the Biologic Basis of Oral/Systemic Diseases (CBBO/SD) announces the availability of limited funds through the NIH P30 supported COBRE “Pilot Grants Program”. This program is designed to support well-defined pilot projects focused on research examining oral health and/or oral-systemic health linkages. These pilot grants are intended to assist investigators in generating sufficient data to be competitive for extramural funding. Applicants from junior faculty and that demonstrate collaboration with oral health scientists are encouraged. Applications must demonstrate linkage with and/or utilize existing CBBO/SD core laboratories or services.

Please see, the current attached RFA.

✦ Funding Information
   Individual project awards, up to $50,000 in total direct costs, will be made on a competitive basis. Two grant categories will be considered: 1) small pilot grants - applications requesting less than $20,000 and 2) large pilot grants - applications requesting $20,000 to $50,000. At least one Pilot Grant from each category is anticipated to be awarded. Awardees may use 95% of the budget for research supplies, services or support critical to completion of the project, including research assistant salaries. At least 5% of the budget must be dedicated for use of CBBO/SD services, if needed.

✦ Deadline
   Letter of Intent for the "Pilot Grants Program" will be accepted through June 30, 2015. Full Applications are due by July 30, 2015.

✦ Submission Process
   Applications must be submitted electronically using the following link: Small Grants Program Application
   For full program details please see the attached RFA or visit the following URL: https://dentistry.uky.edu/cohr-support-services

   For questions, please contact Dr. Craig S. Miller, MN324 College of Dentistry, at cmiller@uky.edu
University of Kentucky Center for the Biologic Basis of Oral/Systemic Diseases (CBBO/SD) Pilot Grants Program

Description

Limited funds are available for the COBREO/SD Pilot Grants Program to support well-defined pilot projects focused on research examining oral health and/or oral-systemic health linkages. Projects that generate sufficient data to be competitive for extramural funding and utilize existing CBBO/SD core laboratory services are encouraged. Examples of projects being sought include 1) studies that focus on orofacial diseases or oral inflammatory diseases such as oral cancer, periodontitis and/or virus infections and 2) how systemic disease influences oral health and disease, and the linkage between oral health and systemic disease.

Emphasis is given to applications from oral health scientists or promote collaboration with an oral health scientist.

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Early stage applicants must identify mentors to assist with the investigator’s training and describe the mentorship.

Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to full-time regular, special and clinical title faculty as well as full time research faculty of the University of Kentucky and affiliated institutions. Junior faculty are especially encouraged to apply.

Investigators in training including residents, post-doctoral fellows, and clinical fellows are not eligible to serve as PIs but may be co-investigators.

Important Dates

Letters of Intent are due by June 30, 2015. If selected for full review, the Full Application for the "Pilot Grants Program" is due by July 30, 2015. Review and notice of funding will occur by August 7, 2015, with an anticipated start date for the Pilot Grants being August 24, 2015.
**Letter of Intent**

A letter of intent, limited to two pages, that contains the following sections is required: 1) Project Title, 2) Research Objectives and Specific Aims, 3) Brief Background and Preliminary Data, 4) Study Design, Methodology and Outcomes, 5) Project Milestone(s), 6) How the Pilot Grant would Facilitate a Future External Grant.

Those applicants deemed competitive will be required to submit a Full Application.

**Full Application**

Small Pilot Grants require an expanded application to include the following. 1) Project Title, 2) Abstract (up to 250 words), 3) Research Objectives and Specific Aims, 4) Background that clearly identifies why the project needs to be done (minimum of 2 paragraphs) and Preliminary Data, 5) Study Design, Methodology and Outcomes, 6) Project Milestone(s), 7) How the Pilot Grant would Facilitate a Future External Grant, and 8) References (minimum of 10). Sections 3-8 should not exceed 4 pages.

Large Pilot Grants require a full application. The full application should include 1) NIH format biosketch with other support, 2) Abstract (1 page), 3) Research Proposal (6 pages) and budget with justification. The Research Proposal should follow standard NIH format, with Specific Aims, Research Strategy (Significance, Innovation and Approach), and References Cited. Applicants do not need IRB or IACUC approvals to submit a pilot grant application, but will need approval before funding. However, applicants should have consulted with a Biostatistician during proposal development prior to submitting the grant application.

**Link to Full Announcement**

https://dentistry.uky.edu/cohr-support-services

**Please submit your Full Application to** Dr. Craig S. Miller cmiller@uky.edu

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Note: All applications will be peer-reviewed by the CBBO/SD Research Review Committee. Both the relationship to oral health/disease and high scientific merit will be important considerations in the review process.