Request for Applications: Dissemination & Implementation Science Pilot Projects

2023-24 Program Overview and Instructions

Program Overview: The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Department of Medicine (DOM) Implementation Science Research Program in collaboration with the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), and the Forge AHEAD Center invite applications for enterprise-wide dissemination and implementation (D&I) science pilot projects. D&I science broadly seeks to improve how evidence-based practices, interventions, and policies are disseminated, implemented, and maintained in real-world settings. Pilot projects should focus on **data collection** or **data analysis** in any area of research related to D&I science. Pilot funding is intended to provide initial project support for new investigators, allow exploration of possible innovative new directions for established investigators in D&I science that is different or distinct from ongoing funded research, and encourage investigators from other areas to use their expertise for D&I science.

Research Focus: The pilot projects should: 1) ask D&I research questions, 2) use a D&I science framework to guide the research, and 3) employ appropriate research designs and/or methods. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate likelihood of future R01 (or equivalent) funding.

Key Dates:

Full Application Due Date	June 1, 2023
Scientific Merit Review	June – July 2023
Notification of Awards	August 1, 2023
Earliest Start Date	September 1, 2023
Funding End Date	August 31, 2024

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are full-time UAB faculty (all schools) who meet one of the following criteria:
- NIH-defined New and Early-Stage Investigators at the time of funding without current or past NIH research project support, or
- Senior investigators if the application is an innovative new direction in dissemination and implementation research that is different or distinct from their ongoing funded research.

Investigators may contact the Implementation Science Research Program (ImpSci@uabmc.edu) or Dr. Lisa Zubkoff (lisazubkoff@uabmc.edu) with questions about eligibility or appropriateness of their project.

Funding: Up to 4 projects will be funded for up to $20,000 each. A second year of funding can be requested on a repetitive basis (investigators applying for a second year of funding will compete against new proposals in that cycle). Travel and equipment expenses are each capped at $1,000.

Instructions: Please submit the **3-page pilot application** with the following information in a single PDF file:
1. Study Title
2. PI(s) and Investigators' names and title(s)
3. Problem to be addressed and scientific importance
4. Background/rationale
5. Objectives and aims
6. Research question and hypotheses
7. Data collection and/or analysis plans
8. Deliverables/plan for subsequent funding
9. References (not included in 3-page limit)
10. Budget on a PHS 398 form and budget justification (not included in 3-page limit)
11. PI's NIH biosketch (not included in 3-page limit)

Applicants may apply more than once if not selected for funding. Applications should be submitted to ImpSci@uabmc.edu by June 1, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. C.T.