

Center for the Biologic Basis of Oral/Systemic Diseases “Pilot Grants Program” Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

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.

❖ **Funding Information**

Individual project awards, up to \$20,000 in total direct costs, will be made on a competitive basis. At least two awards of \$20,000 or four awards of \$10,000 are anticipated to be awarded by **September 1, 2018**. Awardees may use up to 90% of the budget for research supplies, services or support critical to completion of the project, including research assistant salaries. At least 10% of the budget must be dedicated for use of CBBO/SD services, if needed by the study design.

❖ **Submission Process**

Submission requires completion of the attached PHS398 Packet

❖ **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.

❖ **Deadline**

Full applications are due by **July 13, 2018**.

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 and that promote collaboration with an oral health scientist.

These **pilot grants** target applications requesting up to \$20,000. Awardees may use up to 90% of the entire budget for research supplies, services and/or support critical to completion of the project, including research assistant salaries. At least 10% of budget must be dedicated for use of CBBO/SD services, if needed by the study design.

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

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Important Dates

Applications are due by July 13, 2018.

Meritorious proposals are anticipated to be announced by September 1, 2018 and forwarded to the National Institutes of Health for final review and acceptance. Project work cannot begin until confirmation is received back from NIH.

Full Application

Pilot Grants should be submitted on the PHS398 form and should include the following: 1) Project Title and Investigator names, 2) Abstract (up to 250 words),

3) NIH Biographical Sketch, 4) Research Objectives and Specific Aims, 5) Significance that clearly identifies why the project needs to be done (minimum of 2 paragraphs), Innovation and Impact, 6) Approach, that includes Study Design, Methodology, Data Analysis, 7) Outcomes and Project Milestone(s), 8) How the Pilot Grant would Facilitate a Future External Grant, 9) References (minimum of 10) and 10) Budget and Justification.

Note: Sections 3-8 should not exceed 4 pages.

Applicants do not need IRB or IACUC approvals to submit a pilot grant application, but will need approval before funding. Applicants should have consulted with a Biostatistician during proposal development prior to submitting the grant application.

Link to Full Announcement and proposal forms.

<https://dentistry.uky.edu/research-funding>

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 are important considerations in the review process.