Pepper OAIC Ignition Fund Request for Applications

Overview

The Wake Forest Pepper Center is seeking proposals for funds to accelerate progress for clinical and translational research projects **related to the Pepper themes, preserving or improving of physical function in older adults.** Ignition funds are intended to be small (<$5,000), rapid-access awards that will support feasibility & pilot projects with high probability of generating pilot data for submission of extramural grant applications and/or high impact publications.

Examples of funding support include, but are not limited to, data collection, technology core resources, or data analysis. Applications making use of the unique Wake Forest Integrated Aging Studies Databank and Repository (IASDR), which houses our blood specimen/tissue samples, are particularly welcomed (link below)

https://www.peppercenter-wfu.org/public/bio_materials.cfm

Awards are open to faculty with a rank of instructor or higher from Wake Forest (Health Sciences & University) and other Pepper-affiliated institutions with a Wake Forest co-investigator.

Application Process involves the following
- o Project Description (250 word max)
- o What research question are you trying to answer with these funds? (500 word max)
- o What will you do with the answer when you have it? (250 word max)
- o Details about how these funds will be spent and a justification of the expenses (250 word max)
- o Projected timeline for use of the funds (all funds must be spent within 4 months) (250 word max). Funds will be awarded for up to $5,000 to be spent within a maximum of 4 months of the award.
- o A copy of IRB/IACUC approval letter will be required at the time of award (if applicable).
- o Application reviews and award notifications will occur less than 1-month from submission (approximately 2 weeks).
- o Applications should address: 1) A clinical or translational research focus and Pepper theme; and 2) Plans to use this funding to develop a larger clinical or translational multidisciplinary project.
- o One resubmission of an unfunded application will be allowed.

Review Criteria
Pepper Pilot and Exploratory Studies Core Leadership will use the following review criteria:

- o Thematic relevance, quality of the science, and potential for further project development.
- o Research feasibility and innovation.
- o Demonstrated need.
- o Likelihood that funding will result in proof of principle or pilot data that will result in the submission of a larger extramural grant application.

Submission Deadlines
Applications will be due to the administrator the first Monday of the month. This application process will be rolling, with investigators invited to apply at any time that is convenient to them. Pepper Ignition Fund submissions will be reviewed after the first Wednesday of each month. Funding decisions will be released during the second week of each month.

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