

**LSOM Office for Research
Multi-PI Pilot Funding Program**

Due date: Full proposals are due Monday, May 1, 2023 through the [Survey Monkey application portal](#)

Goal: The LSOM Office for Research has partnered with UT Health Institutes to jointly support collaborative, and cross-disciplinary research projects for pilot funding. These funds will support competitive multi-PI pilot projects that will lead to a NIH multi-PI and Program Project awards.

Eligibility: A Primary appointment in any of the Departments/Institutes/Centers of the Long School of Medicine is required to be the principal investigator on these Pilot applications. Ideally, co-investigators should be from the School of Medicine and UT Health but outside co-investigators may be included.

Funding Amount: Four Awards up to \$75,000 each for one year.

Funding Information: Research proposals should identify research team members and individual contributions. Pilot projects that have maximal translational and cross-disciplinary approaches and extramural funding potential will be most suitable. Applicants should submit a proposal that aligns with the following broad research areas to make new discoveries leading to translational benefits and intellectual property.

Thematic Research Areas

- **Cancer Biology and Therapeutics**
- **Immunology, Infectious Diseases, and the Microbiome**
- **Neurological Science and Disorders**
- **Metabolic Diseases and Treatments**

Application Materials:

(Merit scoring and review criteria will be based on the following application materials)

- Project title and abstract
- Specific aims (1 page maximum)
- Overall project narrative (6 page maximum)
- Specific plans for obtaining extramural funding, including agency and grant type (1 page maximum)
- Budget (NIH form page)
- Budget justification - no faculty salaries support is allowed (NIH form page)
- Literature citations (2 page maximum)
- NIH Biosketch for all investigators (new NIH format, limit 5 pages/investigator)

Budget and Financial Policies: Facilities and Administrative (F&A, indirect cost) expenses are not reimbursable. Funds are not applicable to support the salary of the PI(s), faculty-level collaborators, or graduate students. While the candidate will list themselves as the PI in the personnel section of the summary page, there is no minimum effort requirement. Candidates may list salary (plus associated fringe benefits) for non-faculty support staff, including post-doctoral fellows, research scientists. Other allowable expenses include: equipment essential for the project (maximum \$5,000, including computer hardware); PI or Co-PI travel to relevant scientific meetings (maximum \$1,500); consumable laboratory supplies; animal purchase and per diem; IIMS, CTRC, GCCRI, UTSA, or other core facility fees; consultation fees (maximum \$5,000); computer time; software; publication/ presentation expenses; costs related to human subject enrollment and management (listed as "Patient Care Costs" on budget page). Other expenditures require justification as being essential for the completion of the project. LSOM will centralize all account management.

Grant Development Assistance: The Office for Research's Assistant Dean for Research, Dr. David Gius, will offer grant development assistance to enhance pilot funding projects.

Review Committee: The review committee will consist of LSOM faculty members with a long-standing history of extramural funding, and peer-review experience. The committee reflects the diversity of LSOM research as members include basic and clinical departments.

Award Process: Over the one-year award period, the Office for Research will request progress reports at six-, and 12-months post funds-initiation to assess the long-term success of the Pilot Funding Program. Applicants must follow institutional conflict of interest disclosure policies; UTHSCSA Certificate of Proposal is not required.

Please direct questions to Chris Valdez, PhD, Research Operations Manager, valdezc10@uthscsa.edu, or call 210-567-0300 for more information.