



REQUEST FOR PILOT RESEARCH PROPOSALS ADDRESSING INJURIES & VIOLENCE

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The University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center (UI IPRC) funded by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds to support pilot projects. The mission of the UI IPRC is to support multidisciplinary academic and community efforts to prevent and control traumatic injuries and violence, especially among rural populations.

Pilot Project Program Objectives- The primary objective of the pilot project grant program is to encourage the development of new injury and violence prevention research projects and attract new investigators to the field. The UI IPRC is particularly interested in interdisciplinary pilot projects which concern injuries in rural contexts; however all injury and violence prevention and control projects will be considered. Priority is given to pilot proposals that hold greatest potential for leading to a larger research proposal.

Eligibility- Applicants from the Colleges of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Medicine, and Public Health are highly encouraged to submit a proposal. Faculty members across all ranks and scientific staff are eligible. Post-doctoral fellows and graduate students are eligible but must have a faculty sponsor who will oversee the research. A letter of support/commitment from the faculty sponsor must accompany the proposal. All applicants must be affiliated with the University of Iowa.

Funding Available- Pilot project grant awards will generally range from \$20,000-\$22,500 with a maximum of \$22,500 (direct) for each project. The UI IPRC expects to fund up to four proposals. Funding is available for the usual categories of cost in an NIH grant, such as salary and fringe for research assistants and graduate students, laboratory supplies, equipment, data analysis cost, travel associated with research (but not to attend professional meetings), and office expenses. Postdoctoral scholar and junior faculty salary support is an eligible expense. Faculty salary support is not eligible under this pilot project program. The funding limitation is based on direct costs. No funds shall be spent for indirect costs.

Application Procedures- Applications will follow the general NIH guidelines for research proposals. The proposal should be organized as follows:

<u>Proposal Section</u>	<u>Page Limit</u>
Executive Summary	150 words
Research Plan	5 pages total for plan
Specific Aims	
Significance	
Design and Methods	
Dissemination	
Support Budget and Justification	1-2 pages
Timeline	
Biographical Sketch for each Investigator	5 page max. for each (federal agency format accepted)

Peer Review Process-The UI IPRC Executive Committee, with additional referees as needed, will evaluate each proposal according to the NIH priority score method using the following criteria: relevance to Center goals, scientific relevance and originality, validity and reliability of methods, qualifications of investigator(s), collaboration with Center personnel, and the likelihood of future extramural funding. Members of the Executive Committee will not participate in the evaluation of applications submitted by them or when they are collaborators with another investigator.

Appeal Process- Investigators who believe an unfair or inaccurate peer evaluation process has occurred may submit a written appeal letter to the Center Director outlining specific concerns about the process. At the discretion of the Center Director, the appeal may be referred to outside consultants for an additional peer review. In this case, a revised priority score for the application will be determined by the special peer reviewers for further consideration during the next round of applications.

Reporting Requirements- Each funded pilot project is required to submit a brief mid-year progress report and a final report. The mid-year and final reports shall be submitted according to instructions provided by the Center. Investigators are also asked to acknowledge IPRC funding sources in all publications and presentations, and to notify Lisa Roth, Deputy Director, of all publications, presentations, and subsequent grants related to the pilot work.

Submission Procedure, Deadline and Award Date- Applications must be received no later than **Friday, March 13, 2020**. It is anticipated that proposals will be reviewed in early April. Funding will be available on July 1, 2020 and projects must be completed within one year. Carryover of funds beyond June 30, 2021 will not be allowed. Investigators are strongly encouraged to initiate the appropriate human subjects review processes as soon as possible after approval notification.

A PDF copy of the proposal should be sent to Lisa Roth, UI IPRC Deputy Director, at lisa-m-roth@uiowa.edu.

Contact Information. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Corinne Peek-Asa (319-335-4895, corinne-peek-asa@uiowa.edu) regarding scientific questions about the pilot grant program and Lisa Roth (319-359-9444, lisa-m-roth@uiowa.edu) regarding budgetary and administrative procedures.