



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 with a focus on injuries among rural populations; however, all injury and violence prevention projects will be considered. Projects that align with the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) priority areas are strongly suggested. More information about these priority areas can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/priority/index.html>. Priority is given to pilot proposals that hold greatest potential for leading to a larger research proposal.

Eligibility- Applicants from the Colleges of Engineering, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Medicine, and Public Health are highly encouraged to submit a proposal. Faculty members across all ranks and tracks and scientific staff are eligible. Post-doctoral fellows and graduate students are eligible to apply 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 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, supplies, equipment, data analysis costs, data purchases, travel associated with research and office expenses (e.g., photocopying, mailing). Postdoctoral scholar and junior faculty salary support are eligible

expenses. 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> |
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| Executive Summary | 150 words |
| Research Plan | 5 pages total for plan |
| Specific Aims | |
| Significance | |
| Design, Methods and Analysis | |
| Dissemination * see reporting requirements | |
| 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 UI IPRC goals, scientific relevance and originality, validity and reliability of methods, qualifications of investigator(s), collaboration with UI IPRC 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 UI IPRC Director outlining specific concerns about the process. At the discretion of the 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.

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 UI IPRC. Investigators are also asked to acknowledge UI IPRC as a funding source in all publications and presentations, and to notify Lisa Roth, Deputy Director, of all publications, presentations, and subsequent grants related to the pilot work. *At the conclusion of the project, investigators are expected to work with UI IPRC Communications Specialist, Ann Saba, to participate in dissemination activities related to the research.

Submission Procedure, Deadline and Award Date- Applications must be received no later than **Friday, March 11, 2022**. It is anticipated that proposals will be reviewed in early April. Funding will be available on July 1, 2022, and projects must be completed within one year. Carryover of funds beyond June 30, 2023, 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. Carri Casteel (319-384-4388, carri-casteel@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.