



# REQUEST FOR PILOT RESEARCH PROPOSALS ADDRESSING INJURIES and 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 objectives of the pilot project grant program are to encourage the development of novel injury and violence prevention research projects and to attract new investigators to the field. The UI IPRC is particularly interested in interdisciplinary pilot projects that address injury and violence prevention in populations facing elevated injury and violence risk, including rural communities. Projects that align with the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) priority areas are strongly encouraged. More information about these priority areas can be found at:

[https://www.cdc.gov/injury/priorities/?CDC\\_AAref\\_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/injury/priority/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/injury/priorities/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/injury/priority/index.html)

We also welcome topics that align with our Research and Practice Action Teams (RPATs) focus areas: Trauma Care, Older Adult Falls, Road Safety, Intimate Partner Violence, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Drug Overdose, Firearm Safety, and Suicide Prevention.

Priority is given to pilot proposals with the greatest potential for leading to a larger research proposal.

**Eligibility-** Scientific staff and faculty across all ranks and tracks are eligible. All applicants must be affiliated with the University of Iowa.

**Funding Available-** Pilot project grant awards 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, graduate students and postdoctoral scholars; supplies;

equipment; data analysis costs; data purchases; travel; and research and office expenses (e.g., photocopying, mailing). Faculty salary support is an allowable expense up to \$10,000. Indirect costs cannot be included in the budget.

**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	
Innovation	
Approach	
Dissemination * see reporting requirements	
Budget and Justification	1-2 pages
Timeline	
Expectations for future extramural funding	
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 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 for which they are an investigator or collaborator.

**Appeal Process-** Investigators who believe an unfair or inaccurate peer evaluation process has occurred may submit a written appeal letter to the UI IPRC Core Director of Research 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 score for the application will be determined by the new peer reviewers for further consideration.

**Reporting Requirements-** Each funded pilot project awardee 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 20, 2026**. It is anticipated that proposals will be reviewed in early April. Funding will be available on July 1, 2026, and projects must be completed within one year. Carryover of funds beyond June 30, 2027 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 Dr. Kari Harland, UI IPRC Core Director for Research, at [kari-harland@uiowa.edu](mailto:kari-harland@uiowa.edu)

**Contact Information.** Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Kari Harland (319-356-4520, [kari-harland@uiowa.edu](mailto:kari-harland@uiowa.edu)) regarding scientific questions about the pilot grant program and Lisa Roth (319-359-9444, [lisa-m-roth@uiowa.edu](mailto:lisa-m-roth@uiowa.edu)) regarding budgetary and administrative procedures.

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