

Cross-Campus Collaborative Research Fund (CCCRF)

Deadline: 1st Friday in March

The Cross-Campus Collaborative Research Fund (CCCRF) aims to stimulate pilot research projects between School of Medicine and Reynolda Campus faculty that will generate extramural funding for both institutions. Up to \$20,000 will be awarded for each project. The number of projects awarded is contingent on the availability of funds.

The project period is 1 year, with the possibility of a 1-year, no-cost extension. When the grant is awarded, accounts will be established on each campus, and the budget divided accordingly. Funds will be disbursed on the written authority of the investigators or designated representatives. Unless an extension (without additional funds) is requested in writing 10 days prior to end date, any unexpended balance will be returned to the main account. Within 90 days after the grant terminates, a final progress report must be submitted to the Reynolda Campus Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. It should describe how the CCCRF contributed to the preparation and/or funding of extramural grant applications.

ELIGIBILITY

CCCRF awards are restricted to collaborative efforts between full-time faculty (including 9-month appointments) or research support staff with adjunct faculty appointments, with preference to projects that are not yet competitive for external funding.

Applications will be evaluated on scientific merit, originality, significance, potential to generate extramural funding, and the benefits of, and need for, the collaboration.

APPLICATION

Applications must be typed. Type width should be no smaller than 15 characters per inch. The following format is required for all applications:

I. Cover Form - The 2-page cover form should be completed and signed by both principal investigators and their respective department chairs.

A. Abstract: A one-paragraph (250 words) summary of the proposed activity, suitable for publication. Clearly address in separate statements the intellectual merit and broader impacts.

B. Resubmissions: If this application is a revision of a previously submitted proposal, include a 1-page response to the reviewers' comments.

II. Project Description - The proposal should be sufficiently detailed to be clear to the committee of general scientist. Figures, tables, and other graphic representations may be included to enhance clarity.

A. Objectives and Significance: State precisely and realistically what the research aims to accomplish and/or what hypotheses are to be tested. Include a rationale for the project and the collaboration. **(1 page)**

B. Background: Review the most pertinent previous and current work related to this proposal. Include your own relevant preliminary data. Critically evaluate existing knowledge, specifying the gaps that the project is intended to fill. **(3 pages)**

C. Methods: Describe the experimental design and methods in terms that can be grasped by a generalist in the field. How will they test each hypothesis? Describe experimental procedures in sufficient detail to allow assessment of their feasibility and relevance. If proposing new methods, describe their advantages. If several experiments are proposed, indicate their priority in a timeline. Explain how the data will be analyzed (e.g., statistical design and analysis). Note how you will address potential pitfalls or limitations in procedures and data interpretation. **(5 pages)**

D. Project Relevance: These grants are intended to generate pilot data to enhance extramural applications that will support the applicants' long-term research programs. Describe why the proposed studies will achieve this objective; the likely aims of the planned extramural grant; a timeline for submission; and the agencies from which funding will be sought. **(1 page)**

E. References: Include only the most pertinent references.

III. Personnel - Designate all associates, research assistants, technicians, or students involved in the project and describe their expertise.

IV. Research Support - List facilities, equipment, and funding from other sources. If departmental or other support is available or pending, explain the need for CCCRF support.

V. Budget - (\$20,000 maximum) Funds can be requested for research supplies and services, technical assistance, publication expenses, equipment, animal costs, and travel between campuses, including parking fees. Funds for faculty salary and secretarial support will not be considered. Funds for graduate and undergraduate student support are rarely granted, since they can usually be obtained through the Graduate School or WFU Undergraduate Research Fellowships. Funds for technical support staff have been granted occasionally, since there is no other campus source for these research costs. If requesting funds to support technical staff, remember to include appropriate fringe benefits and attach a detailed budget and a budget justification page.

If additional funding will be needed for the collaboration, indicate the source and amount of this support. Clarify how the budget will be divided between the two campuses.

VI. Biosketch. Attach a current biosketch, in NIH format, for each principal investigator.

Applications to CCCRF in spring 2012 will be coordinated by the Office of Research on the Bowman Gray campus. Please email a complete copy of the application form and proposal as ONE (1) pdf file to Susan Edwards (edwardss@wfu.edu) and Kari Tetrault (ktetraul@wakehealth.edu). In addition, submit the signed original no later than 5 P.M. on the deadline date to the research office on either campus.

Please allow several weeks for review.

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