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Re: Request for Proposals for COBRE **Pilot Projects**
Interdisciplinary Research in Vascular Biology

Dear Colleagues:

We are inviting submission of pilot project proposals for funding through the Pilot Project Core of our Phase III COBRE: Interdisciplinary Research in Vascular Biology. Proposals should address novel research questions that are related to cardiovascular biology and have outstanding potential to attract future NIH funding. Applicants must hold the rank of Research Assistant Professor or above. Primary preference will be new COBRE-eligible investigators (individuals without prior NIH R01 or R01-equivalent support). Secondary preference will be COBRE-eligible investigators with prior COBRE support. Finally, we will consider COBRE-ineligible investigators (with established NIH funding) who propose projects in a new area that requires more preliminary data before submission to NIH. Individuals with current COBRE or INBRE support are ineligible.

Grant applications will be reviewed by the COBRE's Steering Committee and External Advisory Committee. Applications will be judged on NIH criteria of impact, significance, investigator, innovation, approach, and environment using NIH-defined priority scores. We will make two one-year awards of \$50,000.

Applications should be processed through your institutional grants/contracts office. Applications should follow a NIH-styled proposal with Specific Aims and Research Strategy (Significance, Innovation, and Approach). Include preliminary data in Research Strategy. The proposal is limited to 4 pages using Helvetica or Arial 11-point font. References do not count toward the 4-page limit. In addition, include:

- Face page signed by institutional signing official
- Project summary
- PHS 398 budget and justification (6-month itemized budget, November 1, 2017-April 30, 2018, limit \$50,000 direct costs)
- NIH biosketch with other support (including previous or pending COBRE funding)
- Brief career impact statement
- Targeted/planned enrollment tables for human subjects (if applicable)
- Vertebrate animal section (if applicable)
- Letters of support (if applicable)

Please email a pdf file of the complete application to Mia Pederson-Rambo (mia-pederson-rambo@omrf.org) on or before **September 30, 2017**.

Funding of selected project(s) will begin November 1, 2017. *Note that IRB or IACUC protocols must be approved before funding begins.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodger P. McEver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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COBRE: Interdisciplinary Research in Vascular Biology