

## Request for Proposals for COBRE Pilot Projects

### Expanding Excellence in Developmental Biology in Oklahoma

We are inviting the submission of pilot project proposals for funding through the Pilot Project Core of our Developmental Biology COBRE. Proposals should address novel, exciting research questions that are related to Developmental Biology and have outstanding potential to attract future NIH/NSF funding. Applicants must hold a faculty level appointment that would be eligible for Federal investigator-initiated research projects. Primary preference will be to junior investigators without prior NIH R01 or equivalent Federal support. Secondary preference will be for investigators at any level who are initiating new projects in Developmental Biology that require the generation of preliminary data for the subsequent submission of an investigator-initiated large-scale grant. Pilot Project applications will be reviewed by a two-tiered selection process. First the COBRE's Internal Advisory Committee will select a top group of proposals. These proposals will be forwarded to the COBRE External Advisory Committee who will select those that will be funded. Grant applications will be judged based upon standard NIH criteria of impact, significance, investigator, innovation, approach, and environment and assigned a priority score as defined by the NIH. Awards will be \$50K for one year and will be eligible for competitive renewal.

Applications should comprise a 3-page, NIH-styled proposal, including Specific Aims and Research Strategy (Significance, Innovation, and Approach). Preliminary data can be included in the Research Strategy section. References do not count toward the 3-page limit. Also, please include a twelve-month detailed budget, a budget justification, a current NIH biosketch, and current NIH Other Support. Any previously received COBRE support, including completed or pending grants, should also be listed in your Other Support. There is no page limit for these additional materials. Individuals with current COBRE or INBRE support are not eligible. Please send completed proposals as a single document to Dean Dawson ([dawsond@omrf.org](mailto:dawsond@omrf.org)). Proposals must be received by 12:00 PM (noon) on April 25, 2022.