COVID-19 SEED GRANT PROGRAM – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The Office of the Vice President for Research and the Presbyterian Health Foundation announce a request for applications to fast-track seed funding for pilot projects studying COVID-19 and the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The goal of this funding opportunity is to support the development of projects focused on studying cellular and molecular aspects of SARS-CoV-2 infection, host immune responses to the virus, detection, and clinical characteristics of COVID-19. These short-term pilot projects should be appropriate in their scope and feasibility. Pilot projects designed to provide a strong foundation for future NIH funding in this topic area will be given priority. Teams with PIs and Co-PIs* that can address these areas of research are encouraged. It is anticipated up to 12 pilot projects at $25,000 each will be funded through this pilot project program.

Application Instructions:

1. Cover Letter: Include project title, PI, Co-PI(s)* or other collaborators listed with contact information, and names of personnel participating in the project.
2. Page Limits: Applications should be a maximum of 3 pages with 0.5 inch margins. Excludes Cover Letter and Biosketches.
3. Format: Applicants should provide succinct specific aim(s), rationale, and experimental design sections.
4. Proposed targeted external funding opportunities if known.
5. NIH Biosketches: Include current NIH-format biosketches for PI and Key Personnel
6. Budget: Provide personnel, animal, and supplies cost. A detailed breakdown of supplies is not required. Faculty salary support is not allowed. Laboratory equipment over $5,000 is not allowed.
7. Matching Funds: Matching funds are not required, but applicants are encouraged to seek additional support from departments to broaden scope and leverage resources where possible. If matching funds are available provide amount and source.

Submission Date: 5 pm CDT, Tuesday, April 14, 2020
Award Notification: No later than April 21, 2020

Applications do not require routing through ORA and should be directly submitted to VPR@ouhsc.edu.

If seed funds are awarded, all institutional compliance protocols (IRB, IACUC, IBC) must be approved prior to the start of the project.

Principal investigators of projects selected for funding will need to submit a New COVID-19 Research Project Form (found at https://research.ouhsc.edu/Resources/COVID-Research-Updates) and receive approval before the start of the project.

This COVID-19 Seed Grant program is a partnership between the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Presbyterian Health Foundation.

* For help in identifying potential OU-Norman collaborators, contact Dr. Ann West (awest@ou.edu), Associate Vice President for Research and Partnerships.