

Joint Penn-CHOP Center for Digestive, Liver and Pancreatic Medicine
Pilot Grant Funding
Request for Applications: Pilot and Feasibility Grants

Purpose and Research Focus

The purpose of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center for Digestive, Liver and Pancreatic Medicine is to facilitate research, educational, and clinical programs involving issues related to the transition from childhood to adulthood, designated as transitional medicine. The large number of such patients provide unique opportunities for basic and translational research. One of the most important aspects of this effort is the funding of Pilot/Feasibility Projects.

The Joint Center is seeking Pilot/Feasibility Projects proposals in clinical, basic science, and/or translational research projects related to inflammatory bowel disease, eosinophilic esophagitis, nutrition, obesity, liver diseases, pancreatic diseases and endoscopy. All projects should either involve both pediatric and adult patients in these areas and/or focus on a research question that is relevant to these areas that involve the transition from childhood to adulthood.

Currently, it is anticipated that three applications will be funded each with a one year budget of \$25,000. This is a one-time request for applications. There will not be an opportunity to resubmit applications or renew a funded grant for additional funding beyond the first year as future RFAs will be in different themes or topics. Consideration will be given to interdisciplinary applications, and those that span CHOP and Penn investigators. Recipients who have received pilot grants through the Joint Center in the last 3 years are not eligible.

Eligibility

All faculty members of the Penn and CHOP scientific community who meet the eligibility requirements below are invited to submit proposals. Applicants must be US. citizens or have permanent residency.

Applicants may be: 1) New investigators who have never held extramural NIH support (R29, R01, P01); 2) Established investigators in other areas of basic biomedical and/or clinical research who wish to apply their expertise to one of the seven topics listed above in a manner that is relevant to the mission of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center; or 3) Established clinical or basic digestive disease investigators who wish to study an area relevant to the cited areas and the mission of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center that represents a significant departure from currently funded work.

Proposal Preparation

Submit all documents, in the format below, as one PDF to kimmeyer@mail.med.upenn.edu. Proposals are due Monday, October 15, 2012. Funding will commence December 1, 2012.

Format

- Cover page: Includes abstract of up to 400 words (including a statement of how the proposal is relevant to the mission of the Penn-CHOP Joint Center) and list approved or pending IACUC/IRB protocols
- NIH biographical sketch
- NIH other support (provide full information)
- Budget and justification: one year, \$25,000; one page only
- Background, preliminary results, research plan, and future directions; up to four pages total
- *Senior Investigators should indicate how this project represents a new direction in their research
- References: one page only
- Appendix: pertaining to preliminary data only, no reprints

For additional information, please contact: The Joint Penn-CHOP Center for Digestive, Liver and Pancreatic Medicine, Telephone: 573-4264; Fax: 573-2024; Email: kimmeyer@mail.med.upenn.edu

Thank you for your interest and support.

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