



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: Letter of Intent

COBRE in Acute Care Research and Rural Disparities P20GM139745

Year 3 Pilot Project Program For the grant year Feb. 1, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024

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DESCRIPTION

This pilot project program will provide funds to support two research projects in Year 3 related broadly to the Acute Care COBRE themes. The Acute Care Research and Rural Disparities COBRE strives to foster a multidisciplinary breadth of research focusing on all areas of acute care concerns and disparities across our rural communities. Acute care and rural disparities research topics can encompass critical care, emergency medicine, cardiology, trauma, substance abuse, mental health, health equity, social determinants of health, and beyond. Integrating community-engaged research paradigms into research projects is welcome. Translational, social/behavioral health, and clinical researchers are also encouraged to apply for pilot project funding.

For this round of pilots, we are requesting submission of one page Letters of Intent (LOIs), to ensure that submitted full applications are sufficiently responsive to the Acute Care COBRE themes. The timeline for the entire pilot project process is below:

Acute Care COBRE Year 3 pilot project timeline

- **June 20-21, 2022:** Email Request for Proposals/Letter of Intent
- **July 11, 2022:** Letters of Intent due (3 weeks after RFP/LOI email)
- **July 18, 2022:** Full application notification (1 week after LOI receipt)
- **Oct 10, 2022:** Deadline for full application submission (12 weeks after full proposal notification)
- Funding will be available on or after Feb. 1, 2023 (Year 3 funds)

Completed letters of intent must be emailed to Cole Ferm by 5:00 pm on Monday, July 11, 2022. Pilot project PIs will be notified on July 18, 2022, whether they have been approved to submit a full project application. The submission deadline for the full pilot project applications will be Oct. 10, 2022. Instructions on completing and submitting the full pilot project applications will accompany the notification of permission to submit.

Pilot Project Program Research Awards

Applicants may request up to \$50,000 direct costs for each project. The direct costs from all collaborating sites may not exceed \$50,000. Indirect costs may be requested at the federal negotiated rate of the institution, up to a cap of 72.0%. The proposed project period will be 2/1/23-1/31/24.

Principal Investigator Eligibility for Funding

- Pilot Project Principal Investigators must hold faculty level or equivalent positions at an educational or health care institution in Maine, although collaborating sites/co-investigators can be in other New England states. *Postdoctoral fellows and medical residents are not eligible to lead a pilot project, although they may be a member of a research team.*
- Please feel free to share this announcement with Maine colleagues that you feel may be interested in applying.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LETTER OF INTENT

Letter of Intent (Attached as a one page Word or PDF document to the email)

- Name of Principal Investigator, email address and affiliation (e.g., MMC, Southern Maine Healthcare, University of Southern Maine, etc.)
- Title of proposal
- Key personnel of research team
- Brief statement of rationale for study, hypothesis to be tested, and relevance to Acute Care COBRE themes.

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