

I-HeAL Pilot Research Projects

The Institute for Healthy Aging and Lifespan Studies (I-HeAL) announces its First Call for applications for pilot research projects related to the pillar objectives. These pilots should be designed with the goal of producing preliminary research results that will support future applications for extramural funding.



You must have membership in I-HeAL to be considered for this award.

There are no restrictions on research methods and the disciplinary perspective of the investigators may vary, however the pilot project must focus on some aspect of healthy aging. Proposals that are not responsive to the Pilot announcement will not be considered. Multi-disciplinary and cross-College collaboration is strongly encouraged.

When applying, please designate the pilot as responsive to one of I-HeAL's themes:

1. Cognitive and Functional Aging
2. Health Promotion and Lifestyle
3. Health Disparities and Diversity
4. Healthcare Systems and Infrastructure
5. Basic Biology of Aging

This year the pilot program will fund three (3) \$30,000 awards for faculty members. Additionally, two (2) \$5,000 awards are designated for trainees including students, residents, fellows, and postdocs. All pilot research must be completed in one year. These funds are not to be used for faculty salary support or purchase of major equipment. Indirect costs are **NOT** allowed. Proof of IRB or IACUC approval must be obtained prior to the awarding of any funds. Those awardees who fail to show IRB or IACUC approval within 60 days may be subject to forfeit of their award, and a new awardee will be designated in their place.

A maximum five page (minimum size 11 font Arial/Times New Roman with 0.5 inch margins) proposal detailing the specific aims and research strategy of the proposed pilot is required. A two-page NIH-style Biosketch is required for all key personnel. Trainee pilot applications must include a 1-page letter of support from their research mentor. Please also include a detailed budget and justification for the proposed research (One page maximum). Proposals whose budget exceeds the maximal allowable amount will not be considered.

Please use the following format:

1. Specific Aims, Hypotheses, and Public Health Relevance: **1 Page**
2. Scientific Premise and Innovation: **1 Page**
3. Research Strategy: **3 Pages**
 - a. Preliminary studies (if available)
 - b. Study design
 - c. Analytic plan
 - d. Sample size and power calculation (include consideration of sex as a biological variable)
4. Human Subjects or Vertebrate Animals Section – no page limit (does not count towards the 5-page limit)

All proposal applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance to the goals and objectives of I-HeAL
2. Scientific merit
3. Innovation
4. Potential of measurable impact on healthy aging
5. Likelihood to lead to future extramural funding.

Pilot awardees will be expected to present the results of their work at an I-HeAL seminar in 2018.

Please submit your applications to Stephanie Chrisphonte, MD (schrisphonte@health.fau.edu) with the subject line: *I-HeAL Pilot Program Application*. **The deadline for receipt of the pilot proposal is 5pm on Friday April 28, 2017.** No proposal applications submitted after this deadline will be accepted. Awardees will be notified by the end of May 2017.