

## **Busch Biomedical Grants Frequently Asked Questions 2020**

### **1. Who is eligible to apply?**

Only full-time members of the Rutgers faculty at the time of application may apply. This designation includes non-tenure-track, tenure-track, and tenured faculty. The following are NOT eligible to apply: coadjutant appointees, teaching and research assistants, post-doctoral fellows, visiting faculty members, and full-time administrators.

### **2. I received a Busch Grant in the most recent award cycle, am I eligible to apply?**

No, if you received a Busch Biomedical Grant in the prior three award cycles, you are not eligible to apply.

### **3. Can I apply to both the Busch Biomedical Grant Program and for a Research Council Grant?**

No, you can only apply to one or the other. If you have already applied for a Research Council Grant in the 2020 cycle, you are ineligible to apply for Busch funding.

### **4. Should I apply for a Busch Biomedical Grant or a Research Council Grant?**

Apply for a Busch Biomedical Grant if your proposal is intended to enhance biomedical research. For everything else, apply for a Research Council Grant.

### **5. Can I apply to both the Busch Biomedical Grant Program and for CCRP2 funding?**

Yes, you can submit projects to Busch that have also been submitted to CCRP2 for their intramural research grants. However, if you are funded by CCRP2 then you are ineligible to receive funding from Busch.

### **6. Can I apply for two Busch Grants with two different projects?**

Applicants may only submit one application as the lead PI, even if the projects fall under different funding mechanisms. They may however serve as a co-investigator on additional Busch Grants.

### **7. Can I apply with a co-PI from another university?**

Yes, as long as all other eligibility requirements are met. For the collaborative mechanism, the application must have at least two Rutgers faculty as co-PIs but may have additional PIs from other institutions.

### **8. Am I eligible for a Seed Grant if my Rutgers Faculty Appointment was within the last 4 years, but I was a faculty member at another university before the 2016 cutoff?**

Yes you are eligible, for Seed Grants your Rutgers faculty appointment must have been within four years of submission (on or after July 1, 2016).

**9. What is the maximum award amount?**

The maximum that you can request for a Busch Biomedical Grant is \$40,000.

**10. Is there any disadvantage to requesting the maximum amount of \$40,000 (provided it's fully justified)?**

There is no disadvantage to asking for the maximum amount, however, it's possible that you will be awarded less than the amount that you are requesting. It depends on the amount of funding available and the number of applications that we receive.

**11. Can I request to purchase equipment over \$5,000?**

No, Busch funds cannot be used to purchase major equipment (items over \$5,000).

**12. Can grant funds be used for salary?**

No, Busch Biomedical Grants may not be used for summer salary, salary supplement, or to pay any part of a grant recipient's salary.

**13. When will award notifications be sent out?**

Award notifications will be e-mailed in August.

**14. Do we need to upload the proposal into RAPPS?**

Proposals need to be uploaded into RAPSS only after they are awarded.

**15. If awarded, when will I have access to the funds?**

Access to the funds will not be made available until the new award has been entered into the Research Administration and Proposal Submission System (RAPSS) and all compliance requirements have been met (IRB, IACUC, etc.).