

Request for Applications

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GROUP – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Application Deadline: November 1, 2017 at 5PM EST

Scientific Merit Review: November to December 2017

Funding Decision Date: December 21, 2017

Grant Award Period: January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Award Amount \$50,000 + \$50,000 matching funds = \$100,000 total

Cost Share Requirement: 100% matching funds (\$50,000) required.

Sponsor: Office of Research and Economic Development

Purpose of the RFA:

This opportunity is designed to stimulate the creation of interdisciplinary research groups around any topic that is likely to be supported by future federal and private funding. Pre-existing groups may also apply.

Example of Successful IRG Application from Spring 2017:

- **Title:** “O.P.I.O.I.D. IRG on Health System Response to the Opioid Epidemic”
- **Membership:** 25 faculty from GSAPP, UBHC, BHI, NJMS, RWJMS, SSW, SAS, and IHHCPAR.
- **Leadership:** Executive Committee - oversee the process of peer review and pilot project selection.
- **Meetings:** Monthly for whole group – agendas will encourage broad participation. Subgroup leaders will present updates.
- **Use of Funds:** support pilot research projects – selected by peer review.

Eligibility:

Any full-time faculty member(s) may apply on behalf of the group. The research group should have a **minimum of 12** participating faculty. The 12 “core” faculty must be affiliated with Rutgers, but outside members are also allowed.

Use of Funds:

The funds, totaling \$100,000, must be used to fund competitive awards that support collaborative interdisciplinary **research projects** that are designed to generate preliminary data for subsequent applications for substantial federal or private funding. The size of individual awards is left to the discretion of the group leadership, but applications from individuals outside the group must be accepted. The process by which funds will be awarded must be outlined in the form below. Funds may NOT be used for administrative support, faculty salary, tuition or equipment.

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Review Process and Criteria:

Applications will be reviewed by an administrative team at ORED and by faculty with experience in interdisciplinary research. The review criteria include but are not limited to:

- Clear demonstration of group function and integration
- Clear plans for future grant applications derived from these funds
- Clear demonstration of interdisciplinary group membership

Application Requirements:

Full application and any additional pages must be in 12pt font (Arial, Times New Roman etc.), and submitted as a single PDF.

Interested faculty should submit the attached application form (below), which includes a series of questions about the structure, function and significance of the Interdisciplinary Research Group. Innovative mechanisms for communication and creating multi-PI projects are encouraged. An NSF or NIH-style CV or Biosketch from each participating faculty member must be included. See below for complete requirements:

- 1. Completed Application**
 - a. Questions 1-12 (Please note page limits for questions 7-12 in application)
 - b. Table of IRG Members
- 2. Letter(s) of Cost-Share Commitment from Chair/Dean (no page limit)**
- 3. NSF or NIH-style CV or Biosketch from each participating faculty member (NSF/NIH page limits apply)**
- 4. Current & Pending Support from each participating faculty member, including current direct costs (no page limit).**

Where to Send Inquiries, and Submit Proposal:

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