

# Multidisciplinary Intramural Funding Program

## Call for Proposals

**Objective:** This program aims to support collaborative research relationships that explicitly cross the boundaries of NEOMED's six Research Focus Areas (RFA): Community-Based Mental Health, Diabetes, Obesity & Metabolism, Hearing Research, Heart & Blood Vessel Disease, Musculoskeletal Research, and Neurodegenerative Disease & Aging. The goal is to promote synergistic, innovative, and high impact science that will lead to improved patient health outcomes. The program intends to provide pilot funds for one year to projects that foster new and/or innovative collaborative relationships and that can be leveraged to secure future funding from foundations and federal programs.

Three awards of \$30,000 each will be granted to a team consisting of at least two principal investigators from different RFAs. Each award will be distributed equally among the PIs (e.g. for two PIs, each receives \$15,000).

### Eligibility and Program Description

- This pilot funding mechanism is expected to support new relationships between research groups and encourage collaboration between established research leaders, new research faculty, clinicians, and students from the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Graduate Studies.
- Funding from the Multidisciplinary Intramural Funding Program is open to researchers, clinicians, students, and residents from NEOMED's clinical partners. The award is intended to contribute to the collection of preliminary data that can be leveraged in applications for future federal and foundation applications.
- The research is expected to be presented at NEOMED-affiliated events such as the Student Research Symposium, Integrated Care Scholarship Day, and the Surgery Showcase.
- Funding can be used to support laboratory personnel and student effort but excludes salary dollars for faculty.
- Progress reports will be required at 6 months and will be evaluated based on achieved aims, consistency w/ budget, and timeline. The funds for the remaining 6-months will be distributed based on sufficient progress in meeting their 6-month research milestones.

### Application Format

Applications will include the following sections (1/2" margins, Arial Font 11, 5 page limit):

Significance

Innovation

Approach

Team

Milestones and Extramural Support Plan (timeline and agencies targeted for submission)

In addition to the proposal please include the following:

Bibliography

Biosketch of key personnel

IACUC or IRB approval status

Detailed budget including cost of personnel, supplies, animals, equipment fees, etc.

*Review Process and Inclusion:* The review process will be in the “NIH style” where significance, innovation, and approach will be assessed in addition to a “team” criterion on a scale of 1 (best)-9 (worst). The team criterion will be scored based on the composition of the proposed collaborative team’s membership including diversity in their training, seniority, and backgrounds (e.g., a team including students, clinicians, junior and senior faculty with different skillsets is more diverse than a team comprised of senior faculty). All NEOMED affiliated faculty, clinicians, and students are encouraged to participate.

**Applications due: Feb 28, 2022**

**Applications Reviewed: March 2022**

**Awards distributed April/May 2022**

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