

Health and Wellness Initiative

Seed Grant Proposal Application Guidelines

Introduction

The Health and Wellness Initiative (HWI) seeks to facilitate and support health research addressing health promotion across the lifespan, health maintenance and independent living, and health disparities for those with potentially life constraining conditions such as aging, chronic physical and mental health challenges, and full participation of individuals with disabilities. These challenges to health are among the significant public health issues facing the nation's health care delivery system and their complexity requires multidisciplinary approaches involving social and behavioral sciences, informatics, physical sciences, engineering, computing, neuroscience, communication, education and environmental sciences.

The HWI seeks to advance Illinois' health and wellness research efforts on the campus by a) bringing together scholars from a wide range of units with expertise in health research, b) expanding capacity and prominence of health and wellness research at Illinois through innovative work, new partnerships and large, multi-investigator efforts, and (c) positioning the institution for highest levels of success in securing external support for innovative scholarship in health and wellness arena.

To facilitate this work the HWI invites applications for seed grant funding. The intent of these seed grants is to support the development of large multi-investigator project grant applications. Up to three grants of \$50,000 each will be awarded. The awards are for a 12 month period. Funds may be used for proposal preparation, pilot testing, staff assistance, travel, equipment, and supplies.

Seed Grant Program Overview

The HWI seed grant program follows a two stage application process. Stage One involves submission of a brief proposal. In Stage Two, selected applicants will be invited to submit more detailed proposals.

Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee according to the following criteria:

- Address a major societal health need
- Use a multi-disciplinary, team approach
- Build on existing areas of strength
- Innovative
- Promise for significant impact
- Strength of research design
- High likelihood for large and ongoing external funding

Eligibility

Principal investigators must hold a faculty appointment at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Stage One: Brief Proposal General Application Guidelines

Application completion: Complete the brief proposal application form (found at http://www.provost.illinois.edu/committees/health_initiative.html) addressing the following components:

- Project title
- Synopsis of project (limit three pages)
- Principal investigator information
- Other key project personnel information
- Start and completion dates
- Brief budget

Deadline: Submit applications no later than Friday, October 30, 2009.

Review: Brief proposals will be reviewed by the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee, according to the criteria listed above. Up to six applicant groups will be invited to submit full proposals following review of the brief proposals

Submission: Applications can be submitted electronically from the following site: http://www.provost.illinois.edu/committees/health_initiative.html

Stage Two: Full Proposal General Application Guidelines

Application completion: Complete the full proposal application form (found at http://www.provost.illinois.edu/committees/health_initiative.html), addressing the following components:

- Cover Page
- Abstract
- Budget Page
- Budget justification
- Biosketches for key personnel
- Research plan (limit 6 pages)

Deadline: Submit applications no later than Friday, January 8, 2010.

Submission: Applications can be submitted electronically from the following site: http://www.provost.illinois.edu/committees/health_initiative.html

Review: All full proposals will be reviewed by the HWI Advisory Committee according to the criteria listed above.

Awards: Up to three grants of \$50,000 each will be awarded. The awards are for a twelve month period, beginning early 2010.

Post award requirements: Awardees will be expected to send a report to HWI at the conclusion of the award period that includes an accounting of expenditures, a copy of major grant submissions that related to the work supported, and preparation of a poster presentation for inclusion in the HWI Annual Symposium.

To view or complete the proposal forms, go to
http://www.provost.illinois.edu/committees/health_initiative.html