

PILOT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH

The Udall Parkinson's Disease Center and the Emory Parkinson's Disease Collaborative Center for Environmental Research (PD-CERC) has funds available for one-year pilot project grants. Six pilot awards between \$25,000-\$35,000 will be funded.

Applications from all areas of Parkinson's Disease-related research will be considered. Applications that include a role of the environment in the pathogenesis of Parkinsonism will be considered for PD-CERC funding.

Proposals are due on February 15, 2012.

Requirements:

- Proposals must focus on Parkinson's Disease.
- Applicants for the Udall Center Pilot Awards can be Emory faculty or postdoctoral fellows (including residents and clinical fellows). PD-CERC funding is restricted to Emory faculty.
- Proposed research must involve a student or postdoctoral fellow.
- A brief progress report is due every six months.

Funding:

- Up to \$35,000 in direct costs for a 12-month grant period (no indirect costs).
- Udall awards will start April 15, 2012.
- PD-CERC awards will start July 1, 2012.
- Collaborative projects and proposals that may lead to successful applications for outside funding are encouraged.
- Applicants from Emory College are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Guidelines:

- The proposal should contain the following components:
 - o Project summary (300 words maximum)
 - o Two-page description of project, including description of significance, aims, and approach (PHS 398 formatting rules apply, see Section 2.6 at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.pdf>)
 - o One additional page of figures is permissible.
 - o NIH-style biosketches of all scientific personnel (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.doc>)
 - o Budget & justification, using PHS 398 form page 4 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/fp4.doc>)
 - o Guidelines must be followed; applications will be returned for proper formatting if they do not meet guidelines.
- Submit PDF applications with the filename as "Lastname_PDpilot.PDF"
(For example: Wichmann_PDpilot.pdf)
- Applications are due on February 15, 2012 (5 p.m. EST)

Awards will be announced on March 15, 2012. Applications and questions regarding the application should be submitted via email to Melanie Pearson at mapears@emory.edu.

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