

## USR Core Pilot Awards – FY 2017

### **Purpose:**

These awards support OHSU faculty and USR cores by providing pilot funding for principal investigators, especially to support generation of data for new grant applications, as well as to support development of new workflows, assays, or technologies within the cores.

### **Eligibility:**

*Faculty pilot funding:* Applicants must be OHSU faculty members; however, projects that support a trainee's work are eligible. Faculty members who are not part of the School of Medicine are especially encouraged to apply, although the competition is open to all OHSU faculty, including members of the School of Medicine. Previous awardees are eligible to apply with a new project, but new applicants may be given priority.

*Core innovation:* Applicants must collaborate with one or more USR core directors in developing new workflows, assays, or technologies that will benefit the core program. Applications for development and testing of new assays and technologies that may benefit other OHSU researchers will receive favored consideration.

### **Amount of award:**

Individual award amounts will vary depending on projected expenses in the proposed core and will be based on need. Awards are expected to be up to \$5,000 for pilot awards utilizing available core resources and services and up to \$10,000 for innovation awards. There is a combined total of \$150,000 reserved for these two funding mechanisms.

### **Requirements:**

- PIs must contact USR core director(s) to assess feasibility and discuss budgets prior to applying. (A single award may be used to support a project that involves more than one USR core.)
- All funds must be spent in a USR core. No FTE, supplies, or other expenses outside the USR will be allowed. Funds are only to be used for data generation or services, including consultation time in the core and other technical services, with the cores.
- Funds must be spent in FY2017.
- Applicants must cite this support and core contributions in relevant publications.
- Applicants must acknowledge specific USR cores in relevant publications.

### **Reviews:**

*For pilot awards:* Applicants must contact the USR core director(s) of the proposed core(s) to discuss the proposal. The core director will provide a feasibility assessment and a technical review. Proposals that meet the goals of the program—to support pilot data for grant applications—will be deemed competitive. Proposals will also undergo an administrative review.

*For Core innovation awards:* Applicants must solicit the assistance of the USR core director(s) of the proposed core(s) before preparing a proposal. The core director(s) will provide a statement that describes the technical merit to the core(s). Proposals will undergo a scientific and technical review.

### **Application Process**

**Applications are due October 7, 2016** and must be completed online at OHSU's [Competitive Application Portal](#) (CAP). Log in using your OHSU credentials and click on "University Shared Resources Pilot Funding FY 2017" under Open Internal Funding Opportunities. You must fill out a form that includes several acknowledgements that must be read and accepted before the application can be submitted. Applicants must select a funding mechanism:

- Track 1: pilot funding, or
- Track 2: innovation and technology development

The following supporting documents must also be uploaded as a single PDF. Use 11-pt font and margins of 0.5" on each side:

- 1) A 1-page application that includes the following information:
  - Description of the project and the need for pilot data. Explain the goal of the project and how the data generated from the pilot project will be used to support it. Specifically, will funds be used to generate data for future grant funding, the development of new technology, new methods, other?
- 2) Supporting documents:
  - Project budget and justification. Include information about the financial status of the project—for example, is the PI on bridge funding? Is this project needed for a new grant that currently has no source of funding? This information will help us determine the return on investment in the future, but it will not necessarily affect the funding decision.
  - Project timeline (to demonstrate that funds will be spent in FY2017)
  - PI's NIH-formatted biosketch.
  - For Track 2, a statement provided by the USR core director on how this proposal will further the mission of the core.

For questions about this program, please contact [Andy Chitty](#).

For questions about the submission process on CAP, please contact [funding@ohsu.edu](mailto:funding@ohsu.edu).