

**Request for Applications
Pilot Projects for Urology Research
University of Pittsburgh O'Brien Urology Research Centers [U54]**

The University of Pittsburgh O'Brien Urology Research Center (<http://www.obrienurologybph.pitt.edu/>) requests applications for pilot projects in urology research. Ideal projects will facilitate the accumulation of preliminary data that can be used for future grant applications, and expand the scope of urology research under the auspices of the currently funded O'Brien Center. Pilot projects are intended to support early stage investigators (<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm>) or established investigators new to urological research and not currently supported by the Center. Applications from new investigators with a faculty appointment not currently R01 or equivalently funded are especially encouraged.

Applicants should identify synergies and anticipated interactions with the Center. Applicants should contact relevant Center personnel listed below to discuss the appropriateness of their pilot project prior to submission of an application.

Application: Organized using standard NIH format (5-page overall limit for application):

Specific sections with recommended page lengths

- Specific Aims (1/2 pg)
- Background (1/2 pg)
- Preliminary Data (1-2 pgs)
- Experimental plans (1-2 pgs)
- Timeline for K- or R- class NIH application which ideally would result from the Pilot Project (1/2 pg, including description how the Pilot Project would lead to a larger application)

The following items should also be submitted with the application, but are not included towards the 5-page limit:

- NIH style biosketch of key personnel
- An official budget prepared by the applicant's institution and budget justification

Funds available: Projects up to \$75K (total costs; direct and indirect) per year will be accepted.

Projects may be one year in duration (May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019).

Timeline:

RFA issued: December 11, 2017

Office of Research internal deadline/budgets must be final: January 19, 2018

Applications due: January 26, 2018 at 5 PM (EST)

Applications reviewed: January-March 2018

Awards scheduled to be announced: April, 2018

Submission:

Only electronic applications will be accepted.

Please submit applications to Ms. Karen Seisek (seiskl@upmc.edu).

Questions:

Please contact Dr. Zhou Wang (wangz2@upmc.edu) or Ms. Karen Seisek (seiskl@upmc.edu).