Micro Grant Rapid Funding Mechanism Announcement

The Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research (GCDTR) is pleased to announce a new Micro Grant Rapid Funding Mechanism (MGRFM). This is a unique competitive opportunity being offered by the GCDTR to provide timely and critical resources that can be leveraged by investigators for the submission of larger research funding requests. Award amounts will range from $500 to $2,000. The MGRFM grants will support diabetes translation research leading to the submission of an NIH (preferably) or other extramural research funding application that addresses themes encompassed in GCDTR’s research cores (www.gcdtr.org/core-programs/).

Funds are intended to be used to:
- Enable a new NIH or other extramural application that is expected to be submitted within the next 6 to 12 months
- Gather data needed for a scored NIH or other extramural application that is currently being revised for resubmission

Scope:
Funds may be used for salary/wages for other staff (e.g. temporary employee to assist in data collection or analysis), consultant costs, equipment, supplies, study subject incentives, or travel to the study site to meet with study personnel. Requests for other uses may be considered if well justified.

Funds may not be used to fund investigator salary, travel to conferences or publications, nor are they intended for currently-funded GCDTR pilot grantees to acquire additional funding to complete or expand their studies.

Eligibility:
Faculty researchers from Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, University of Georgia and the Atlanta Veterans’ Affairs System are eligible to apply for pilot and feasibility funding if they fit in one of the following categories:
- Junior faculty (e.g., Assistant Professor, Clinical Lecturer, Instructor) with limited current or past research support as PD/PI
- Established investigators who (a) have no experience in diabetes translation research or (b) are proposing ideas that represent a clear departure from their past research and have a fully-engaged junior-level Co-PI (post-doc or junior faculty)
- Post-doctoral Fellows with a supporting senior Co-PI / mentor (paid effort for Co-PI/mentor is not allowed)

Application Submission:
A completed application package should be emailed to Evan Glassberg, GCDTR Program Coordinator, at eglassb@emory.edu. Any application questions may be sent to gcdtr@emory.edu.

The application package should include the following:
- A completed Micro Grant request form
- A copy of the applicant’s NIH biosketch

Deadline:
Rolling. Submissions will be circulated for review by an internal committee and a decision will be made within 2 weeks of application submission. Funds are limited so early application is encouraged.

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