

PILOT PROJECT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

THE CENTER FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE ON CNS Metabolism (CNS-Met)

The NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) on CNS Metabolism, in collaboration with the Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (CCTS) announce the availability of limited funds to support pilot projects focused on researching the role of CNS metabolic mediators of brain function and disease. **Emphasis for support will be placed on pilot projects that examine the relationship between CNS metabolism and either Alzheimer's Disease, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, or CNS injury.** These pilot grants are intended to assist investigators new to this area of research to generate sufficient data to be competitive for extramural funding.

Funding Amount:

Individual project awards (up to \$50,000 in direct costs only) will be made on a competitive basis and must be spent by **February, 28 2025**.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is limited to full-time regular, research, special, and clinical title faculty with appointments at the University of Kentucky. Junior faculty members are especially encouraged to apply.

Investigators in training (this includes residents, post-doctoral fellows, and clinical fellows) are not eligible to serve as PIs but may be co-investigators.

Timeline: Applications are due by 5:00 PM, March 1st 2024.

Pilot Applications should be in Word & include in this order:

1. NIH format Biosketch with other support.
2. Abstract including project title (one page max).
3. Research Proposal (three pages max). The Research Proposal should follow standard NIH format, with a Specific Aims page followed by background/significance, preliminary data, and experimental approach (single-spaced using no less than 11-point Arial font and 1/2" margins).

If selected for funding the following will be needed within two weeks of award notification:

1. Submission of IRB or IACUC approval request. Applicants do not need IRB or IACUC approvals to submit a pilot grant application, but necessary IRB or IACUC protocols are required for final approval by the NIH..
2. NIH budget form and justification in WORD.

Funds may not be awarded if required protocol approvals are not received in a timely manner.

See the CNS-Met website, [Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center | CNS-Met COBRE | University of Kentucky College of Medicine \(uky.edu\)](#) for a description of the overall CNS-Met program.

Please read the entire [Pilot Projects page](#) on the website (including the **FAQ & the links to the latest NIH forms**) for additional details to assist you in developing and submitting your proposal.

Submit your Full Application (1-3 above) as a single or individual Word files to Mark.Schwarcz@uky.edu, COBRE Program Administrative Coordinator. Please note that this is a one-step process.

For questions, please contact Mark Schwarcz at 201-334-2959.