

# University of Rochester Medical Center Clinical & Translational Science Institute Pilot Studies Program Request for Applications: Novel Biostatistical and Epidemiologic Methods Awards

For Projects Beginning July 1, 2024

The UR CTSI is now requesting applications from investigators for funding of pilot projects, including under the Novel Biostatistical and Epidemiologic Methods pilot program. It must be clear that the specific aims of the proposed project can be completed within one year, and a maximum of \$35,000 will be awarded for a period of up to one year.

Only one abstract submission from a faculty member as PI or co-PI is permitted in response to this RFA. Applicants will submit a one-page abstract of their proposal.

**It is critical that research ideas are expressed in such a way that a non-expert can understand the ideas and appreciate their significance and potential impact. Additionally, it must be clear that the specific aims of the project can be completed within the allowed time period.**

Concurrent funding of more than one pilot award to an investigator is strongly discouraged. Multidisciplinary research is strongly encouraged.

## Important Dates

August 14, 2023

- October 16, at 5:00 PM – Initial abstracts of proposals must be received. **The submission system will reject proposals submitted after 5:00 PM.**
- November 20 – Applicants from whom full proposals will be solicited will be notified.
- January 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM – Full proposals must be received. Proposals received after 5:00 PM will be rejected.
- April 22, 2024 – Notifications of Award will be made.
- July 1, 2024 – The anticipated start date.

## Program Details

The principal goal of this program is to stimulate the development of novel biostatistical and epidemiologic methods that help overcome specifically identified limitations and significantly enhance the validity and accuracy, scope or speed of clinical or translational research. A high priority of the program is to facilitate novel cross-

that demonstrate ability to be catalytic in terms of generating new programs, directions, and funding for methodologies with a clinical or translational component.

To enhance the flexibility of funding new investigators, the Program will give priority to facilitating production of critical preliminary results to support submission of new clinical or translational research proposals, including

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- b. PI name and contact information
  - c. Co-investigator names and contact information
  - d. Total amount of money requested
  - e. Indication as to whether the application is new or a revision
  - f. Research category terms, selected from a provided list
  - g. Involvement of human subjects or vertebrate animals
  - h. Name and contact information for the department administrator or grants administrator
  - i. A signed attestation statement from the PI that there is no overlapping funding of the project through another mechanism. A template for this attestation is available on the [UR CTSI NBEM Pilot Award webpage](#).
2. Abstract (limited to 1 page in font no smaller than 11 point) which includes the following:
- a. Project title and names of the PI and co-investigators
  - b. A description of how the proposal is responsive to the priorities of the Novel Biostatistical and Epidemiologic Methods Program
  - c. Specific Aims of the project
  - d. A brief description of the research plan

**Requirements if funds are a**

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