



Memphis-Meharry Program to Enhance Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research

PURPOSE

To stimulate innovative, interdisciplinary, team-based research that involves investigators from Meharry Medical College (Meharry) and University of Memphis (UofM). The Award is designed to promote new lines of research and provide seed money to give rise to future external funding. It is not intended as bridging funds or a mechanism to extend ongoing funded research.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a Meharry/UofM PECIR Award, each proposal must include, ***at a minimum, one faculty member from each participating campus (Meharry and UofM)***. Adjunct and visiting faculty can participate but are not eligible to be PIs.

HOW TO LOCATE COLLABORATORS

If you are looking for a collaborator for this project, please fill out the attached Excel sheet and return it to **cbehles@memphis.edu**. The data received will be compiled into a secure, online Microsoft OneDrive document, to which access will be limited to only those who have participated. Additionally, a lightning talk networking session will be scheduled to help acquaint Meharry and UofM faculty.

Once your completed Excel sheet is received, you will be sent a link to gain access to the list of investigators interested in collaborating on a PECIR Award. Once you have access, check the database often to view newly added investigators.

AWARD LEVEL

Resource funds contributed by both institutions are available for ***up to five (5) Awards, for up to \$50,000, for one year (12 months)***. No-cost-extension requests will be evaluated by the Leadership Team at year-end.

INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE APPROVALS

Approvals for research involving human subjects, animals, biohazards, etc. must be received prior to release of PECIR funding. Compliance approvals are not required to apply for a PECIR Award.

TIMELINE

Submissions are due by 5:00pm, May 1. Awardees will be notified during the week of May 15, with funding for selected grants targeted to begin once funds are transferred.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Proposals must be *submitted as a single PDF by the UofM PI* to researchdev@memphis.edu. Required document include:

- » **Cover Page¹** *Enter all required information for each PI on the research team.* Be sure to include a description of each PI's duties/contributions to the project. You may also add other members of your research team.
- » **Abstract¹** (200-word limit)
- » **Research Proposal** (2 pages only - *include Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Data and a brief description of Methods*). 11-point font minimum.
- » **References¹**
- » **Planned Extramural Grant Applications¹** (*one paragraph*) Description and timeframe of specific extramural grant proposals that will be submitted as a result of this seed money. Please include funding agency and submission due date
- » **Budget and Justification¹** (*one budget page/justification for each campus*)
Budget Restrictions:
 - » Budget maximum is \$25,000 for each campus (\$50,000 total)
 - » Faculty salaries are not allowed
 - » Limited salaries (small % effort) for technicians, students, post docs or other professionals are allowed. For all personnel, provide: position title, % effort, and name (if known). **If personnel costs make up more than 50% of the budget, you must provide a justification.**
 - » Travel money is not permitted
 - » Large equipment (>\$10K) must be justified
- » **Other Support¹** Information regarding current and pending support (intramural and extramural) for each PI. Please include grant title, funding agency, grant type, project period, annual direct costs. **If a PI has no Other Support, enter "None" on the template provided.**
- » **NIH-style Biosketch¹** for each PI (5-page limit/PI)

¹Not included in 2-page limit

REVIEW

Submitted proposals will be reviewed by a committee chosen by the Meharry/UofM leadership.

PROGRESS REPORT

PECIR Awardees will be expected to participate in a UofM-Meharry symposium at year-end, where the PI shares progress and results of the PECIR-sponsored work.

SUBMISSION GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS

Applications will only be accepted from the UofM PI with the subject "PECIR Research Proposal"

1. Review RFA for required application materials, and to ensure eligibility.
2. Submit your application with all required material as a single PDF to researchdev@memphis.edu
3. If you do not receive email confirmation of your submission within 24 hours, please email Dr. Cody Behles at cbehles@memphis.edu

MORE INFORMATION

For administrative questions related to this RFA, contact:

- » Dr. Cody Behles, Director, Innovation and Research Support, UofM, cbehles@memphis.edu
- » Jared Elzey, Director, Services & Support Unit, Meharry Medical College, jelzey@mmc.edu

PECIR TIMELINE

March 24, 2021 | Call for Proposals opens

April 16, 2021 (9AM) | Research Collaboration Lightning Talks

May 1, 2021 | Deadline for submissions

Dec. 30, 2021 | Project mid-report

May 30, 2022 | Final Report

Presentations will be scheduled during 2021-2022 Academic Year.