Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research

ARC Annual Report: Renewal/New Application

**Submission Deadline: Friday, November 22, 2013 at 5 pm**

**Your ARC Title**:

**Abstract (about 200 words):**

**A. For** ARC Annual Report/Renewal/New Application

**Faculty: List the names of ARC Directors, the faculty affiliated with the ARC, and their departmental affiliation; Denote Core Faculty with (\*) those who have or will be actively participate in the ARC-funded projects this upcoming year Note**: not all ARC members are expected to be directly involved in projects selected for a particular year, and for which the majority of funding will be needed. You may cut and paste the Table of ARC faculty posted with your original ARC application.

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| Name of ARC member | Departmental and School Affiliation | Core Faculty ?(denote with \*) |
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**B. For** ARC Annual Report/Renewal **(to be filled in even if no renewal is submitted):**

**Research Progress sine the ARC was founded and the importance of the ARC structure for achieving it [**about 1.5 pages (you may include an illustration or figure**)]: Please break summaries of progress by years. Highlight Major ARC Research Discoveries and Accomplishments.**

**C. For** ARC Annual Report/Renewal/New Application

**(1) Plans for next year**: Rationale; Specific Aims; General Outline of Research Design; List of PIs who will be directly involved in the upcoming year (*1.5-2.5 pages*)

**(2) ARC or pre-ARC Meetings and Workshops - Dates and names of presenters:**

-You may specify the fixed time of the month followed by names of presenters/discussion leaders, e.g., The ARC typically met on the first Monday of each month at 4 pm; Drs. X, y, z, A, B etc. presented over the course of the years.

-If your ARC did not meet on a fixed day, please specify the exact dates, followed by the names of presenters/discussion leaders**.**

**(3) Names and affiliation of trainees directly involved with pursuing the funded projects**:

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| pre- or post?  | Name | PI’s Name | Program/Department |
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**D. For** ARC Annual Report/Renewal only **(to be filled in even if no renewal is submitted):**

**Achievements:**

**(1) List of ARC-related publications and ARC-related abstracts presented in meetings** [underline names of ARC members; Please list ALL publications since the birth of your ARC]

**(2) Grants Submitted** [Please list **ALL** grants since the birth of your ARC, and related to ARC work; include also from pre-ARC era]

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| **Names of Co-PIs / Co-Investigators**  | **Grant Agency/ Grant Number/(specify which; via BMC or BUSM?)** | **Grant Title** | **Funding Period** | **Funded (F) / Pending (P) / Revised (R): If funded, specify $ direct cost per year** | **Were the co-PIs** **Of this grant Awarded together a grant of sort during 2006-2009 (prior to RC birth):****Yes or No** |
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1. **Other ARC activities you wish to report**:
2. **For** ARC Annual Report: Renewal

**Summary:**

**- How has your ARC succeeded?**

**- How has it fallen short?**

**- What are the obstacles to future collaborations, if any?**

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**Budget**:

**Please read these instructions/clarifications**:

**-** We expect to fund several ARCs per year (at a range of 50-70K per ARC; level to be determined), with possible renewal following a yearly report/review, for up to 3 years. Your budget outline listed here is not binding. As the projects develop, ARC directors will determine the final distribution of budget based on research needs, in coordination with ARC members.

**-** We recommend distribution of most of the funds (this does not have to be equal; as it will depend on the project) to cover costs of supplies and services for project development. ARC funds should not be used to cover salaries involving fringe benefits. We encourage you to use a small portion of the budget for ARC meeting activities and local seminars.

**-** Not all investigators listed in section **A** above must be directly funded by an ARC and listed in the Budget Table below. They might be included as ARC members because of their contribution of a technology, general interest and expertise, etc. These investigators will still benefit from access to ARC organized meetings, seminars, data-bases, co-PI grant applications and collaborations, etc.

* 1. For Grant Renewal or Grant Reports: List the main categories on which the budget was spent in the past Year (category and portion, roughly)
	2. For New Grants: Budget requested for upcoming year, and justification (category and portion, roughly; you may suggest new categories)
	3. **For Graduating ARCs** (completed 3 years of funding): Your are able to apply for the *Evans Fellow Award* listed at the end of this document. In addition, you are able to apply for a budget of up to 12K per year to support your ARC monthly meetings, continued workshops and seminars that benefit the ARC and community (we might be able to increase this sum, depending number of applicants, etc). The purpose of this budget is to allow you to continue and function as an ARC, but, at this stage, with research supported from your grants. In your budget justification, outline predicted use of this budget. *With time, ongoing ARCs will be able to submit new full grant applications, with a yet new creative, transformative idea at hand*.
1. **For** ARC Annual Report: Renewal/New Application**: NIH Biosketches**:

Please submit an updated NIH Biosketch for each of the ARC Directors (and as you see fit for **key** personnel listed in A).

**Please email your report to Robin MacDonald (remac@bu.edu) as word document and the Biosketches as one PDF document. She will upload it to the Grant Review Site (to avoid confusions encountered last year).**

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**F. Nomination of candidates to the Evans Center Fellow Award -NEW-**

**Evans Center Fellow**

(Announced 2013 to matriculate in 2014)

**Synopsis**: *Looking back and forward,* the department of Medicine and its Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research (Evans Center) have established a new award to recognize achievements of a successful ARC via a new *Evans Center Fellow Award* to support early career investigators in fields of research developed by the ARC.

**Mechanism and Eligibility**: Two to three awards will be made available to partially support a mid- to advanced postdoctoral fellow, and an instructor or Assistant Professor, ideally (but not mandatory) within the first two years of their appointment. As part of a yearly report, a successful ARC (following up to three years of ARC funding) will be able to nominate up to two candidates reviewed, and selected by the ARC. A committee consisting of an array of investigators will review applications submitted by all ARCs and select two-three *Evans Center Fellows.* The criteria for selection would be: Merit of the ARC program, as reflected by publications, workshops, grants, commitment to training, etc, as well as by the scientific and scholarly promise of the candidate, and their mentoring/training environment.

**Funding and Duration**: Each award will be in the range of $18,000-$25,000 per year for up to two years, contingent upon successfully completing the first year goals. The award will be used to support part of a salary. The funding level will be established annually for new awards but the second year of funding will be at the same level as the first year.

**Responsibility:** Evans Center Fellows will commit to: 1. Presenting a seminar organized by the Evans Center and their ARC, *followed by a reception honoring the Evans Center Fellow Awardees of the Year*; 2. Overseeing one session per year within the Journal Club of the Interdisciplinary Molecular and Translational Medicine graduate program; 3. Giving one lecture, if asked, in a graduate course.

**Nomination documents: Please submit a full Curriculum Vita of the candidate as well as two letters of recommendations: one from an ARC Director and one from the candidate’s section chief or departmental chair.**

**These documents need to be emailed to Robin MacDonald (****remac@bu.edu****) as one PDF at the same time of ARC report submission. Please name the file: xxxEvansFellow (xxx=last name of nominee)**