



Boston University School of Medicine



Department of Surgery

## BOSTON TRAUMA INSTITUTE: FUNDED PILOT AWARDS

The Department of Surgery is providing pilot funding for innovative pilot studies in the following focus areas to support the goals of the new Boston Trauma Institute (BTI):

- Trauma and Acute Care Surgery
- Injury Prevention
- Trauma Survivorship
- Socially Responsible Surgery

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS PILOT GRANT PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

**Application Due Date:** December 1, 2018

**Funding Announcements:** December 17, 2018

This RFA is open to ALL members of the BMC/BU community. These Boston Trauma Institute Pilot Award aim to catalyze innovative translational research in trauma, injury prevention, or socially responsible surgery.

Direct costs up to \$10,000 may be requested. The level of funding awarded to successful applicants will be determined after reviewing the budget request and budget justification. Funds may be used for any purpose to support the proposed research. Typical expenses include:

- Laboratory supplies, Animal costs, Small equipment;
- Patient recruitment costs, Consultants; and/or
- Support for pre/postdoctoral students, technicians, or research assistants.

***Funds may not be allocated to PI or Co-I salary.*** Awards are not transferable to any other institution; sub-awards are not allowed. ***Pilot grants are not intended to supplement existing funded awards. Significant overlap in pilot grant aims with aims from a funded grant must be disclosed and justified at the time of submission.***

Human Subject approval is not required at the time of submission; **however, IRB approval is required for all projects involving human subject research before the Department will release project funds.** If your project involves animal research, IACUC and Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) must approve any projects involving animal subjects prior to final funding approval.

All applications must include:

- A cover letter (one page maximum) including: project title, project period, funding requested, and project abstract.
- A maximum of two pages describing the background, specific aims, preliminary studies (if applicable), research methods (including timeline), and commercial potential and future grant submissions, and one page (maximum) of literature citations. Please conform to the NIH guidelines for formatting (0.5" margins; size 11 font).
- A one page budget & budget justification.
- Other supporting documentation (optional, not to exceed three pages) may be included if relevant to the application.

Applications should be submitted via email to Maureen Demmert [Maureen.Demmert@bmc.org](mailto:Maureen.Demmert@bmc.org) as a single PDF by 5:00 PM on December 1, 2018. Applications will be meritoriously reviewed by a Scientific Review Committee (SRC) comprised of faculty with relevant expertise.

Questions related to this RFP should be directed to Maureen Demmert who will direct them to the Committee.