



May 4, 2018

TO: Whitaker Cardiovascular Institute members

FROM: Flora Sam, MD

RE: CALL FOR PROPOSALS: WCVI pilot grant announcement for Early Career investigators:

“The WCVI’s mission is to advance the field of cardiovascular research and science. Investigators in the WCVI conduct and coordinate research and training related to the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease. The WCVI combines and integrates basic science, clinical investigation, and population science with the ultimate goal of advancing patient care”

Eligibility: Eligible applicants who are members of the WCVI

1. Assistant Professor/ Instructors/ Early career investigators
2. Postdoctoral fellows are eligible in this category but are required to have a formal mentor and a letter of support from their mentor(s) and a guarantee that the fellow will be in the mentor’s lab: July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019.
3. All research to be conducted must be based at Boston University, Boston Medical Center.

Ineligible: Associate Professors/ Full Professors are ineligible

Budget: supplies, and equipment related directly to the proposed research are allowable. The total request cannot exceed \$5,000 and cannot include salaries. Applicants may request up to \$5,000 in direct costs for a total of one year.

- The WCVI pilot award does not include indirect costs and cannot be used to cover shortfalls in other NIH awards or to augment projects that have been previously funded. As such no salary support can be requested
- It cannot be used for animal costs or animal-related costs
- The pilot grants are nonrenewable awards for a maximum of one year of support and cannot be extended

THE FULL-APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

Project Title/ Contact Information

Project Proposal/ Description (maximum 2 pages, single-spaced). The project description should identify the intellectual merit of your proposed work, and its broader relevance. The applicant must clarify how the pilot funding will support / sustain research efforts after the end of the one-year grant. Applicants should target their research proposal towards cardiovascular-related studies

References (1 page limit).

Budget and Budget Justification (1 page).

NIH biosketch

Letter(s) of Support (if Postdoctoral fellows): Please provide one letter of support from the research mentor (1 page). This letter should address their support for the project, the potential impact of the project, and the ability of the postdoctoral fellow to complete the proposed research.

This should be combined into a single PDF and submitted via email to: nclinton@bu.edu

| Call for Applications | Full Application Receipt Deadline | Funding Decision | Funding Starts |
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| May 4, 2018 | June 4, 2018 | June 18, 2018 | July 1, 2018 |