

COM Intramural Grants Program

PURPOSE: The College of Medicine (COM) recognizes the need to support basic science faculty research programs. This new COM initiative provides research funds through an annual competitive intramural grants program to develop new research ideas (seed funding), develop new critical preliminary data for revised extramural proposal submissions, or enable sustained laboratory progress between extramural grant funding periods (bridge funding). Collaborative proposals with Co-Is in other departments/units are encouraged.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Full-time faculty members in the COM basic science departments, holding ranks of Assistant Professor or above, are eligible to apply as PIs for this intramural award. The following individuals are not eligible to apply:

- Faculty who currently have research awards with direct costs of \$50,000 or more per year
- Faculty still within their 3-year startup commitment period
- Emeritus faculty

KEY DATES

- **Submission:** September 15 annually
- **Award:** November 1

AWARD BUDGET: Annually, the COM will commit \$250,000 to this program, providing individual one-year awards of up to \$50,000 in direct costs. The number of awards is contingent upon the number of meritorious proposals submitted and individual proposal budgets. *[While faculty salary will not be an allowable budget item, other budget items allowed under NIH policy will be allowed; equipment costs are limited to \$15,000]*

APPLICATION CONTENT: The submission packet must include:

- A completed intramural **Transmittal Form** signed by the PI, any faculty collaborators, and relevant chairs
- An abbreviated PHS 398 **Research Plan** *[Preliminary data may be included to support conceptual and technical feasibility but are not required]*; NIH PHS398 formatting requirements must be met

Section	Page limit
A. Specific Aims	1
B. Significance and innovation	½
C. Strategy (<i>one-year work plan</i>)	3 ½
D. References cited	No page limit

- **NIH Biosketch** – for the PI and any faculty collaborators, including other support (past 3 years)
- A detailed **NIH Budget** and **Budget Justification** – the justification should address the purpose of the request, i.e., seed or bridge funds or funds to develop data for a revised extramural proposal

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: All application materials must be collated into **one** pdf file and uploaded into the University InfoReady Review platform by **5pm on September 15**

REVIEW CRITERIA

- PI's research productivity to date
- NIH R01 review criteria
- Feasibility of the one-year work plan
- Likelihood that work proposed will lead to new extramural funding

AWARDS: Awards will begin November 1, assuming all needed research compliance approvals have been obtained. Expenditures will be audited. Funds remaining at the end of the project period will revert to the COM. COM intramural awards may **NOT** be used as cost-share for extramural awards.

OUTCOMES (expected no later than 3 months after funding period)

- Submission of a new or revised extramural proposal, after internal review
- Final progress report, outlining major findings, publications and proposal submissions