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## SEVENTH ANNUAL REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

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### **Phase I: Planning Grants for Collaborative and Multidisciplinary Pilot Research (CaMPR)**

#### **PHASE I APPLICATION DUE DATE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

#### **AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

**JANUARY 2014**

The **CaMPR** program is one of five pilot award initiatives sponsored by the Irving Institute's **Pilot and Collaborative Studies Resource (PCSR)**. CaMPR's goals are to:

1. support multi- and interdisciplinary research;
2. train and mentor a new generation of multidisciplinary, translational research investigators; and
3. expand and optimize the utilization of outstanding new and existing resources on CUMC.

**OVERVIEW:** With these goals in mind, the **CaMPR** pilot award provides a **two-phase funding process** to support the formation of newly-configured investigative teams aimed at addressing a significant health problem at the cellular, individual, or community level. **In Phase I, four (4) planning grants of \$15,000 each will be announced in January 2014**, to assist in the formation and planning activities of *novel*, cross-disciplinary research teams involving both senior and junior faculty from at least two of the four CUMC schools. Faculty/Investigators from New-York Presbyterian Hospital (non-MD health professionals) or a school from the Morningside campus may also apply, providing collaborators are from a CUMC school. During each application cycle, only one submission is permitted per principal investigator. Winning Phase I teams will then have four (4) months to prepare a pilot grant submission for competitive internal review (due June 2014). **In Phase II, the top two applications that best meet the CaMPR program goals will receive a one-year, \$75,000 award** to support pilot work with the clear goal of submitting an NIH or other extramural proposal. Instructions for the Phase II application will be provided at the time of the Phase I award.

#### **Phase I. \$15,000 Planning Grant Awards (applications due Monday, November 18, 2013)**

The purpose of the Phase I award is to fund the **planning** of an innovative pilot study. **NOTE:** Proposals to test hypotheses or collect preliminary data are not eligible. Appropriate planning activities include: defining the health problem of interest, assembling the multidisciplinary investigative team, and identifying novel approaches/disciplines to address knowledge gaps. These activities should bring together faculty with expertise from diverse disciplines who have not previously been involved as co-investigators. Applicants are encouraged to include outside consultants with unique experience or expertise in innovative approaches not currently available at CUMC.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the **CaMPR Planning Workshop**, scheduled for Thursday, October 3, from 4:00 – 6:00p in the Irving Institute Educational Center Classroom (PH-10-405), 622 West 168 Street, Floor 10, Room 405, New York, NY.

Applications for a Phase I planning grant may have a single or multiple principal investigator(s). **A brief proposal of no more than eight (8) total pages** is due by the close of business on Monday, November 18, 2013, with the expectation that the selected collaborative planning teams will be announced in January 2014. In addition to the application, an NIH-style biosketch for each investigator must be included, along with a simple budget. (*Please note:* These are unrestricted funds and do not include indirect costs. The proposed budget may include salary, fringe, supplies, travel, and other general expenses (OTPS). Please contact the Irving Institute's finance director, Ms. Helena Rincón, [hr2016@columbia.edu](mailto:hr2016@columbia.edu), with any budgetary questions.

**NOTE:** IRB/IACUC approval is not required at the time of application. However, if a candidate is awarded a grant and the project involves the use of data from human and/or animal subjects, an IRB/IACUC approval number must be forwarded prior to receipt of funding. In order to avoid any delays if funding is awarded, candidates are encouraged to apply and obtain IRB/IACUC approval in advance.

The application should begin with a cover page that includes the names, academic titles, departments, schools, and email addresses of each cross-disciplinary research team member, and the title of the research project. **Each team is limited to eight (8) members. Applications containing more than 8 investigators will be disqualified.** Although senior leaders of the Irving Institute may be consulted during the preparation of the application, they should not be included as co-investigators or collaborators. For a list of these individuals please visit:

[http://www.irvinginstitute.columbia.edu/people/executive\\_leaders.html](http://www.irvinginstitute.columbia.edu/people/executive_leaders.html)

For additional information about CaMPR, including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and examples of winning applications, please visit: <http://www.irvinginstitute.columbia.edu/resources/pcsr2.html>

#### **APPLICATION FORMAT:**

Please use the following headings to structure the CaMPR Phase I proposal, and be sure to limit the total number of pages to 8:

- Aims (1 page)
- Public Health Significance of the Proposed Study (1 page)
- Overview of Multidisciplinary Approach – Brief rationale (3 pages)
- Phase I Planning Activities and Timeline (1 page)
- Long-term Aims, including plans for future funding (1 page)
- Budget – may include salary, fringe, supplies, travel, and other general expenses (OTPS) (1 page)

The application must be merged into one PDF document and emailed no later than 5:00p, Monday, November 18, 2013, to Ms. Sabrina Harris ([slh2168@columbia.edu](mailto:slh2168@columbia.edu)). Applications submitted in a format other than the one provided herein cannot be considered for funding.

*NOTE: Qualified applicants should hold a full-time faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor/Research Scientist or above.*

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