Center for Advancing Pain Relief 2021 Seed Grant Program

The UC Davis Center for Advancing Pain Relief is committed to reducing the silos that impair progress toward safe and effective pain relief. This requires collaborative efforts across the colleges, schools, and centers that comprise UC Davis to achieve innovative solutions to pain management, promotion of wellness and quality of life. The Center for Advancing Pain Relief will award up to $25,000 each for three 12-month seed grants to UC Davis faculty and postdoctoral scholars for pilot studies involving novel research collaborations that develop new partnerships across disciplines and/or professions and create high impact programs that transcend traditional silos.

The seed grant is not intended as full project funding but should ignite ideas and be a catalyst for new research or program development. All proposals are required to describe how the proposed project will lead to the creation of further research or a program that can develop and become sustainable. The total amount available for the three seed grant awards is $75,000.

Terms of Funding

1. Funding will be for twelve months with anticipated awards dispersed by July 1, 2021.

2. The Center for Advancing Pain Relief encourages proposals that are submitted by at least two representatives, each from different UC Davis departments, centers, or primary disciplines or professions. Additional partnerships with university-based or external groups are welcome.

3. Ideal proposals will focus on research or important program development in at least one of these areas: pain, suffering, wellness or quality of life. Clear defense of methods will be essential to successful applications.

4. Faculty with current funding for the proposed project will need to justify why additional seed grant funds are needed for the project.

5. Individuals receiving a grant are expected to:
   - Present project design or preliminary findings at a future Center for Advancing Pain Relief Symposium
   - Submit a 1-page progress report by end of month 6
   - Submit a 5-page final report by the end of month 12
   - Produce at least one tangible dissemination outcome (such as but not limited to a journal publication, a resultant collaborative grant proposal or a policy brief) by the end of month 16

Budget

- The maximum budget for the 12-year award is $25,000. Due to the limited funds available, indirect costs are not provided.
- Support may be provided for staff or trainees, core service expenses, supplies, small equipment (less than $5,000) and other related expenses. Funds may NOT be used for faculty salary support or for travel expenses.
Submitted proposals must use the following format. Please collate your application into a single PDF file that is no longer than three (3) pages according to the following order and be single spaced, 11-point font, 1-inch margins. Please include the following labeled sections in your proposal:

1. **Project Title**
2. **Team Members:** Include a biographical sketch for each participating investigator including predoctoral or postdoctoral (Ph.D. or clinical fellow) trainees including full name, title, email and department.
3. **Proposal Overview and Background:** Provide a description of the project and background information with an explanation of the specific problem that the seed grant will address.
4. **Proposal Goals:** Describe the tangible (SMART) goals of the project.
5. **Research Design, Methodology and Evaluation:** Provide a summary of methodological approaches to the goals and how success will be measured.
6. **Timeline:** Include a timeline with major milestones and work schedule.
7. **Future Direction:** Describe next steps for this project toward sustainability.
8. **References:** if applicable.
9. **Budget:** Include an itemized budget and budget narrative (budget does not count toward 3-page limit).

**Note:** Projects that include animals or human subjects must be reviewed in accordance with UC Davis guidelines.

**Submission**
- Application submission deadline is 5 p.m. PST May 1, 2021
- Each team of P.I.s may submit one proposal only.
- Please title your document: CAPR_(Contact’s last name)_SeedGrantApplication.pdf
- Submit proposals via email to Christy Chung at lachung@ucdavis.edu
- Award announcement: June 1, 2021
- Grant funding period: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022
- Reporting schedule:
  - Submit a 1-page progress report: December 1, 2021
  - Submit a 5-page final report: June 30, 2022
  - Submit at least one tangible outcome, e.g. a journal publication, a collaborative grant proposal or a policy brief: December 31, 2022

**Selection**
All applications will be internally reviewed and awardees will be chosen by a committee composed of Center for Advancing Pain Relief faculty and administrators.

Selection criteria matrix will include, but is not limited to the innovation of the partnership, structure and presentation of proposal, clarity of goals and outcomes, timeline, budget, and affinity to Center for Advancing Pain Relief vision and mission, leveragability, etc.

For questions, please contact Center for Advancing Pain Relief Associate Director Kate Lorenzen via email at kllorenzen@ucdavis.edu.

For more information visit the center’s website at advancingpainrelief.ucdavis.edu.