

A Call for Investigator-Initiated Seed Grants in Healthcare Innovation
Deadlines: November 1, 2014 Letter of Intent; November 15, 2014 Full Proposal

I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Emory Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program (HIP), in partnership with the Atlanta Clinical & Translational Science Institute (ACTSI) and Georgia State University (GSU) is pleased to announce the seventh round of research seed grants in Healthcare Innovation. Seed grants will fund multi-investigator & multi-disciplinary teams examining healthcare services and clinical effectiveness. Awards will support innovative approaches that address issues of healthcare quality, costs, and/or access that are consistent with the [goals](#) of the Healthcare Innovation Program. Research studies in health services and clinical effectiveness will be considered involving adult and/or pediatric patients.

Two categories of grants will be considered: Preliminary and Complete.

PRELIMINARY STUDY GRANTS:

Purpose: To enable investigators to generate preliminary data that facilitates either a subsequent submission of health services research grants for external funding from Emory, Georgia Tech, MSM, GSU, and/or Children's; or a clinical effectiveness study at Emory Healthcare, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Children's), Grady Health System (Grady), and/or the Atlanta Veteran's Affairs Medical Center (Atlanta VAMC).

Applications: Should include the questions to be addressed, methods to be used, data sources, and how the study results will lead to subsequent external sponsorship or a clinical effectiveness study.

Funding: \$25,000 for no more than one year.

COMPLETE STUDY GRANTS:

Purpose: To enable investigators to answer specific questions addressing either healthcare quality, cost and/or access; or a clinical effectiveness study at Emory Healthcare, Children's, Grady, and/or the Atlanta VAMC.

Applications: Should include the questions to be addressed, methods to be used, data sources, and how the study will answer the questions being addressed.

Funding: \$25,000 for no more than two years.

II. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A major goal of this program is to stimulate collaboration across disciplines and organizational units. Therefore, each proposal must include:

A minimum of two faculty investigators from different academic units (e.g., schools or departments) at Emory, Georgia Tech, Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), and/or Georgia State University (GSU); as well as:

At least one medical or nursing staff member at Emory Healthcare, Children's, Grady, and/or the Atlanta VAMC. The hospital staff member may be represented by one of the university faculty.

III. LETTER OF INTENT

Interested applicants must submit a letter of intent via the [online form](#) and include the following information:

- a. Descriptive title of proposed research,
- b. Name(s), e-mail, and institutional affiliation of the Principal Investigator(s),
- c. Name(s), e-mail, and institutional affiliation of other key personnel
- d. Estimate of proposed total budget (no details needed at this time, just total value)

Letters of intent must be submitted via the [online form](#) no later than November 1, 2014. Contact Maryam.carn@emory.edu with any questions.

IV. APPLICATION & SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. Content & Form of Application Submission – Applications are expected to be concise with the narrative of the application being no longer than 5 pages, single-spaced. The Research Plan should include the following information:

- a. A brief introduction outlining the general issues to be examined;
- b. The questions to be addressed by the proposed research with specific aims;
- c. A brief description of proposed study methodology including data sources;
- d. The anticipated results of the study; and
- e. The significance of the project.

The required components of the application are as follows:

Component	Format and Notes
Application Form (do not include a cover letter)	Click here to complete online application
Proposed budget (use budget worksheet) Note: The total budget for 2 year Complete Study grants may not exceed \$50,000)	Click here to complete fillable PDF Budget Worksheet. For 2-year budgets, please submit two budget forms, one for each year.
Project Narrative 1. Abstract (250 words) 2. Research Plan (no more than 5 pages)	Upload single PDF file to online application
Budget Justification, Figures and references, including letters of collaboration (This section should be used judiciously for the sake of reviewers)	Upload single PDF file to online application
Biosketches with support for all key personnel (use NIH format and limit to 2 pages per biosketch)	Include in single PDF file
Additional Information 1. IRB/IACUC approval letters (if available) 2. Approved Protocol 3. Relevant Certifications (CITI, etc.) 4. Cell Line Registration (if applicable)	Include in single PDF file

B. Submission Dates and Times – All applications must be received by 6:00 pm on November 15, 2014.

C. Sending an Application - Applications with the components listed above are to be submitted using the [online application](#). *A note regarding Offices of Sponsored Programs: This funding mechanism uses internal funding. Office of Sponsored Programs review is not required unless the award will result in a subcontract*

D. Funding Restrictions

Funds may be used for data collection and analysis, research lab supplies, and student/postdoc/technical support that are directly related to the conduct of the research. Salary support for university faculty, hospital medical/nursing staff, or administrative support is not appropriate.

All federal and university rules and regulations regarding the administration of grants apply to these funds. Costs subject to Cost Accounting Principles (CAS) approval, such as computers, general-purpose equipment, office supplies and the like, may not be charged to this award.

Budget should include direct costs only. If indirect costs are applicable, they will be added to the award amount.

ACTSI will rescind pilot funding of applicants whose relevant certifications have not been provided to ACTSI with the first 6 months of the project. Exceptions may be granted by the ACTSI Pilot Grants Program Director.

Up to a one year no-cost extension may be granted by written request with justification accompanied by a brief report of progress.

V. REVIEW CRITERIA

The major criteria for evaluation by the review committee will be the creativity, inventiveness and quality of the research plan. The following criteria will also be included in the review committee’s assessment:

- Scientific Approach
- Significance
- Innovation
- Translational Potential
- Investigators/Collaboration (the extent of inter-disciplinary and inter-organizational collaboration)
- Requisite skills and experience of investigators
- Budget (cost effectiveness and availability of any additional support/matching funds)
- The potential for subsequent extramural funding
- Potential for success
- Consistent with the [goals](#) of the Healthcare Innovation Program

VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Award Notices - Award notices will be issued from the respective funding institutions (ACTSI or GSU) and will provide additional information about the award including information and instructions about making funds available for use.

Reporting - All awardees are required to submit a progress report for their projects. The progress report deadline is 60 days past the award period end date. Failure to submit a timely progress report may result in exclusion from future ACTSI award opportunities and support. In addition, the ACTSI reserves the right to contact all awardees periodically in the future to continue tracking progress and outcomes of the resulting awards.

Publicity – Information about grants awarded under this program will be posted on the ACTSI website. Applicants must agree to credit HIP and the ACTSI in any publications, grant applications and/or intellectual property applications that result from awards. Citation will be provided in the Notice of Award.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & QUESTIONS

Requests for additional information and questions may be directed to:

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