

RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
SPRING 2024
Request for Pilot Project Proposals
Focused on Sex and Gender-Related Issues

In August 2023, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Office of Research on Women's Health renewed a 5-year award for Drs. Aimee McRae-Clark and Kevin Gray, funding a research center focused on sex and gender-based multidisciplinary research at MUSC. One of the goals of the center is to catalyze women's health-related research throughout the MUSC campus. This goal will be facilitated primarily by the support of pilot projects at MUSC.

The purpose of the Pilot Program is to provide short-term start-up funds to promising graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty (less than 5 years from post-doctoral training/terminal degree) to collect initial data for an F, K, or R series submission. The project must explore either sex/gender differences or disorders/treatments as they uniquely relate to women. The project can be either clinical or basic science, and projects involving multidisciplinary teams and/or translational research efforts are especially encouraged.

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| Eligibility: | Currently salaried postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty, graduate students |
| Proposal Receipt Date: | June 24, 2024 |
| Award Notification: | July 2024 |
| Expected Funding Date: | August 1, 2024 |
| Funding Limit: | \$25,000 (direct costs only) |
| Funding Period: | August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025 |

To apply, please email the following documents to the SCORE Program Manager at wagne@musc.edu between the dates of May 10, 2024 – June 24, 2024:

1. Submit a description (maximum of 5 pages, not including references) of your project using the following format:
 - A. Statement of the Problem / Background
 - B. Primary hypothesis to be tested
 - C. Methods to be used
 - D. Significance of the project and relationship to sex and gender research
 - E. Clear description of how the pilot project will lead to extramural grant funding
2. Postdoctoral fellows and graduate students must also submit a letter of support from the faculty mentor supervising the project.
3. Submit an NIH-type bio-sketch for the applicant. Postdoctoral fellows and graduate students should also submit the mentor's bio-sketch.
4. Submit a budget (using the [PHS398 form](#)) and a brief budget justification. Budgets can be no more than \$25,000 and cannot provide funds for major equipment, travel, or salary support for the applicant or other faculty. Registration fee for one conference, at which the project PI will present SCORE Pilot project data, may be purchased.
5. Applicants are strongly encouraged to take advantage of assistance provided by the SCORE Biostatistical Research Core when preparing their application. Consults can be requested by contacting Amanda Wagner at wagne@musc.edu.

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