



## TTUHSC Preliminary Data Grant Program

### Preamble:

The Office of Research at TTUHSC announces the second edition of the Preliminary Data Grant program for researchers in all Schools and on all campuses of the TTUHSC.

The intent of the program is to provide a modest amount of funds to assist investigators who plan to **resubmit a previously unfunded grant application to a major extramural funding agency** (NIH, NSF, ACS, ADA, etc.). The funds are primarily intended to support research activities that will address specific criticisms of the original grant application in order to render a subsequent application more competitive.

Applications for the current awards will consist primarily of the critiques obtained from an extramural funding agency since November 1, 2007 and the Principal Investigator's detailed plan for responding to the reviewers' concerns.

### Sponsor:

The Preliminary Data Grant Program will be sponsored by the TTUHSC Office of Research.

### Eligibility:

Full time TTUHSC faculty will be eligible for these funds.

### Awards:

It is the intent of the Office of Research to fund up to 5 applications per year at \$20,000 per application. The funds may be used for research-related expenditures, including salaries, and may be budgeted for a one-year period beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

### Submission requirements in this order; please number each page:

#### 1) Grant Application

- Names of Principal Investigator and co-investigators
- Project title
- Extramural funding agency to which the project had been submitted
- Projected date for the resubmission of the grant application
- Signature of Principal Investigator's Department Chairperson

#### 2) Abstract (500 words or less)

#### 3) The review critique for the unfunded grant application.

NOTE: The critique must have been received by the Principal Investigator no more than 24 months prior to the deadline date.

#### 4) A **detailed response** to the critique with a focus on the most pertinent experiments to be performed or elements to be addressed to respond to the critique.

#### 5) A complete CV for the Principal Investigator

#### 6) A summary of current support and other pending applications.

- 7) **General budget and timetable** for the completion of the activities required for the resubmission of the grant

The maximum amount awarded to any faculty member will be \$20,000. It is imperative that the budget be realistic and adequately justified.

*Eligible Expenses:*

- 1) Research supplies.
- 2) Animal costs.
- 3) Salary and fringe benefits for direct technical support
- 4) Small items of equipment.

*Ineligible Expenses:*

- 1) Travel, as usually defined. If however, travel is required for the PI or a designee to learn a technique required to satisfy a specific critique of the submitted grant application, exceptions may be made. In such cases, a request to the Office of Research must be made in writing, providing complete details.
- 2) PI or Co-PI salaries, bonuses or fringe benefits.
- 3) Administrative costs (departmental surcharges).
- 4) Office supplies or office furniture.
- 5) Society membership fees.
- 6) Books, periodicals or library services.
- 7) Entertainment costs.
- 8) Large items of equipment.

NOTE: No detailed description of the background literature or the experimental approach that will be utilized will be required in these applications. Applications will be judged on the previous critiques of the science and the PI's response to these critiques.

**Review Process:**

The review of the applications will be performed by an ad hoc committee formed by the Office of Research and consisting of faculty representing each School. Attempts will be made to include reviewers from regional campuses as well.

Preference for the awards will be given to principal investigators who have a concise plan for addressing the deficiencies noted in the review by the extramural funding agency.

**Award Process:**

Projects selected for the award must be routed through the Office of Sponsored Programs prior to the release of funds to ensure that appropriate review committee approvals are secured for research involving humans, animals, biohazardous materials and/or recombinant DNA.

**Deadlines:**

Email your completed application to [Dawn.bender@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Dawn.bender@ttuhsc.edu)

Any questions regarding this program may be directed to Ms. Dawn Bender in the Office of Research at 743-3600. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, CST, Monday, November 2, 2009. Funding for successful applications will be available in early January, 2010.



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