The Center for Integrative Neuroscience Center of Biomedical Research Excellence

Request for Pilot Project Proposals

The University of Nevada, Reno

Demonstrate feasibility of the proposed research

Brief closing paragraph on how the project will lead to a future grant submission and target agency

Please submit all preproposal materials merged as a single pdf file (with the file name LastName_Pilot.pdf) to Leann Kumataka at kumataka@unr.edu.

Phase II: Full Pilot Project Proposals (*by invitation only*)

Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full Pilot Project Proposal.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF to Leann Kumataka at kumataka@unr.edu, and follow NIH SF-424 and PHS398 guidelines and formatting to include the following:

- 1. Cover letter indicating year you plan to apply for, or date received, tenure.
- 2. NIH Form Page 1 (items 1-8 excluding 4b, 5a)
- 3. Biosketch for Pl or co-Pls
- 4. Detailed Budget of up to \$40,000 in direct costs across standard budget categories
 - a) Pilot Projects Leaders must commit at least two-months of effort to the project; the budget may request a maximum of one month of salary support as overload.
 - b) Applications that utilize the Neuroscience COBRE core facilities are encouraged but not required. Budgets should include service fees for core use where appropriate. Information on the cores is provided in 8.c below.
 - c) Requests for funds for major equipment are discouraged, and must include justification as well as a plan for maintaining the equipment within one of the COBRE research cores.
- 5. Budget Justification
- 6. Other Support (active and pending)
- 7. Specific Aims (1 page)
- 8. Research Strategy* (6 pages max)
 - * applicants are encouraged to consult with the COBRE Data Analytics Manager Dr. Michael Rudd (mrudd@unr.edu) to

Selected proposals must submit the following additional materials before they can be forwarded to NIH for review:

- a. NIH form pages: to include Completed Form Page 1; Research and Related Other Project Information; Senior/Key Personnel; Cover Page Supplement.
- b. Proposals involving human or animal research must receive IRB or IACUC approval prior to award by NIH.
- c. Letter of support from a project mentor. COBRE pilot projects include formal mentoring by scientific experts. Mentor support is required also for mid- or late-career applicants because the proposal should reflect a significant change of direction for the PI, for which mentoring would be helpful. The mentor can be internal or external to the University and is chosen by the applicant to help guide both the scientific aims of the project and the professional development of the investigator. Up to \$2000 for external mentors, or 2.5-days overload for internal mentors, is provided to compensate mentors for their time. These funds are in addition to the pilot project award and do not need to be included in the budget. They include travel funds to allow investigators and mentors to hold in-person meetings. Applications that are selected for submission will require a letter from the mentor verifying that they are willing to serve as a mentor for the project.

Timeline

See Important Dates for