The Center for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (CSIBD) is a multidisciplinary program funded by NIDDK. Now in its 27th year, the CSIBD promotes the research of both basic and clinical scientists in a wide range of areas. These include, but are not limited to:

- Translational Human Immunology (including IBD, mucosal and immune responses)
- Immune and Inflammatory Responses (including mucosal immunology, innate immune recognition, antigen presentation and adaptive immunity, and novel immune cell subsets)
- Exploratory Studies for Delineating the Microbiome in Human Health (including bacterial-epithelial cell interactions and host responses to commensal vs. invasive luminal flora)
- Epithelial Cell Biology (including regulation of stem cells, epithelial cell polarity, and membrane biology)
- Non-invasive Mapping of Gut Inflammation
- Molecular Mechanisms of Gastrointestinal Cancer

GOALS: Funds have been made available to support **Pilot/Feasibility Study grants** consistent with the overall goals of the Center. The goals of the CSIBD’s Pilot/Feasibility Study Program are to support:

- Young investigators (senior fellows* or junior faculty) working in areas that will improve our understanding of basic processes relevant to inflammatory bowel disease.
- Established investigators initiating a new area of research in their laboratories relevant to mechanisms underlying inflammatory bowel disease.

The objective of a Pilot/Feasibility Study grant is to enable an investigator to complete sufficient preliminary studies to enable successful application for more substantial funding from other sources. Pilot/Feasibility Study grants are *not* intended to supplement ongoing or currently funded projects. Participation in another digestive disease center precludes eligibility for these grants.

FUNDING: The CSIBD will fund **three grants of up to $35,000 each** (direct costs) through this program. Pilot/Feasibility Study awards are made for a one-year period; a second year will be considered on a competing basis. Awards made to institutions other than MGH will not receive indirect costs.

APPLICATIONS: May be obtained from Lindsay Ware (lware@mgh.harvard.edu) or downloaded from www.massgeneral.org/CSIBD/grants. The deadline for receipt of applications is **October 6, 2017**.

* Fellow must be in the final year of training and must have a documented commitment to a faculty appointment by the sponsoring unit or department.