

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

AVAILABILITY OF PILOT/FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANTS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 29, 2019

The Center for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (CSIBD) is a multidisciplinary program funded by the NIDDK. Now in its 29th 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:

- **Exploratory Studies for Delineating the Microbiome in Human Health** (including bacterial-epithelial cell interactions and host responses to commensal versus invasive luminal flora)
- **Epithelial Cell Biology** (including regulation of stem cells, epithelial cell polarity, and membrane biology)
- **Tissue Immunity** (including mucosal immunology, innate immune recognition, antigen presentation and adaptive immunity, fibrosis, and single-cell analysis)
- **Monitoring Effects of Immunotherapy and Biologic Therapy in Autoimmunity**
- **Translational Human Immunology** (including autoimmune diseases, GI cancers, and IBD)
- **Signaling Pathways in Gut–Brain Communication**

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 beginning January 1, 2020; 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. **Completed applications are due July 29, 2019.** Send applications as a completed PDF file to lware@mgh.harvard.edu

* 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.

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