

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

AVAILABILITY OF PILOT/FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANTS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Center for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (CSIBD) is a multidisciplinary program funded by the NIDDK. Now in its 30th year, the CSIBD promotes the research of both basic and clinical scientists in a wide range of areas relevant to gastrointestinal and liver diseases. These include, but are not limited to:

- **Signaling Pathways in Gut–Brain Communication**
- **Exploratory Studies for Delineating the Microbiome in Human Health**
- **Epithelial Cell Biology** (including regulation of stem cells and membrane biology)
- **Tissue Immunity** (including mucosal immunology, innate immune recognition, antigen presentation and adaptive immunity, fibrosis, and spatial transcriptomics)
- **Machine Learning and AI Applications in Gastrointestinal Disease**
- **Translational Human Immunology** (including autoimmune diseases, GI cancers, and COVID-19)

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: Submit an abstract to Lindsay Ware (lware@mgh.harvard.edu) to request an application.

* 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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