REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: 2017 Penn ALACRITY Center Pilot Projects

The Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research (CMHPSR) and Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics (CHIBE) invite proposals for pilot projects through our recently funded National Institute of Mental Health ALACRITY (P50) Center, *Transforming mental health care delivery through behavioral economics and implementation science*. Pilot projects that leverage insights and approaches from behavioral economics to improve the use of evidence-based practices for the prevention or treatment of psychiatric disorders are best suited for this opportunity.

We will distribute up to $100,000 in this round of pilot funding. Each pilot project will be funded for one year. Available funding for each pilot project will depend on project scope, but we expect most funded projects to be in the range of $15-30,000. Priority will be given to applications that are innovative, use approaches from behavioral economics, focus on behavioral health, and are likely to lead to external, peer-reviewed funding.

Note, we will be available to provide technical assistance in preparation for submission on October 19th and November 10th, 2017. Please email evadavis@upenn.edu to schedule an appointment.

Eligibility

University of Pennsylvania faculty members, research associates and postdoctoral fellows are eligible for this pilot program. Membership in the Implementation Science Working Group is strongly encouraged. Postdoctoral fellows and research associates must be sponsored by faculty mentors, and include a mentorship plan (1 page) and letter of support from their mentor in their application.

Other Requirements

A one-page end-of-project report must be submitted 30 days after the funding period ends. The report must include a description of the project's specific aims, significance, summary of the research conducted and results, total enrollment, and future plans.

How to Apply

The application must include:

1. ***Project Summary*** that includes specific aims, significance, innovation, approach, and a timeline (not to exceed 2 pages)
2. ***Budget:*** The maximum budget is $40,000 and may not include indirect costs or salary support for faculty.
3. ***Budget Justification*** providing a rationale for items requested (not to exceed 1 page)
4. ***Biosketch*** for each investigator

The deadline for submitting applications is December 1st, 2017. Awards will be announced by January, 2018. Funding will begin February 1st, 2018. Applications should be submitted electronically to Kelly Zentgraf at zentgraf@upenn.edu. For additional information, please contact Rinad Beidas, PhD, by email at rbeidas@upenn.edu.