Columbia Digestive Diseases Research Center Pilot Grants

**Sponsor:** Columbia Digestive and Liver Disease Research Center

**Deadline(s):** 09/16/2019 (LOI); 11/01/2019 (Application)

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**Link(s):** No link provided

**Additional Information:** [SPA News] Funding Opportunity: Digestive Diseases Research Center Pilot Grants; Digestive Diseases Research Center Pilot Grants; Hereby we announce a new funding opportunity from the Columbia Digestive and Liver Disease Research Center. We anticipate funding two pilot grants annually at $25,000 each. This funding opportunity is open to junior investigators who have not yet obtained NIH R01 funding or equivalent.

Applicants need to be junior faculty (Instructors, Assistant Professors and in specific circumstances also Associate Research Scientists), who have already established or plan to establish an independent research group at CUIMC or CU. Women and underrepresented minorities are particularly encouraged to apply for these grants.

Digestive Diseases Research Center Pilot Grants; Funding Opportunity: Digestive Diseases Research Center Pilot Grants; Letter of Intent (LOI). Applicants will need to submit a letter of intent by September 16. The letter needs to include: 1. A brief description of the proposed research (<250 words). 2. A statement of how the applicant meets the eligibility criteria (<150 words). 3. An NIH Biosketch. The Letter of Intent should be emailed to Jenny Lee j4516@cumc.columbia.edu.

Budget. $25,000 for the duration of one year. Funds can be used for salary support or research expenses, but not for purchasing equipment or for travel. Eligibility. Applicant need to be junior faculty (Instructors, Assistant Professors and in specific circumstances also Associate Research Scientists), who have already established or plan to establish an independent research group at CUIMC or CU. Women and underrepresented minorities are particularly encouraged to apply for these grants.

Research areas. All areas of gastrointestinal, pancreatic and liver biology and pathophysiology are eligible for this proposal. However, proposals should not solely focus on cancer. Application format and deadline. Applications should adhere to a modified NIH format (0.5 inch margins, single space, font Arial 11) with an Aims page and a 4 page research plan, consisting of Background & Significance, Innovation and Experimental Approach. Rigor and sex as biological variable should be briefly addressed, and it is expected that the proposal will include sections on pitfalls and alternative approaches. The proposal should contain a cover letter (1 page), an abstract (30 lines max according to NIH standards), an NIH formatted Biosketch of the PI, a Budget and Budget Justification section (recommended 1 page, max 2 pages) and a research facilities section. Up to three letters of support may be included. For research that includes vertebrate animals or human subjects, a Vertebrate Animals section or Human Subjects section needs to be included in the application according to NIH format, with IACUC or IRB approval date or pending date. Applications should adhere to the following order: 1. Cover letter. 2. Abstract. 3. NIH Biosketch. 4. Specific Aims page. 5. Research Plan. 6. Budget and Budget Justification section. 7. Research Facilities. 8. Vertebrate Animals section (max 2 pages), if applicable. 9. Human Subjects section (max 2 pages), if applicable. 10. Letters of Support (max 3). Applications should contain a header with the title and name of the PI as well as a footer with page numbers. The deadline for submitting applications is Nov 1, 2019, 11:59pm. Applications should be submitted by email to Jenny Lee j4516@cumc.columbia.edu as single pdf (not exceeding 5MB). Review and notification of funding. Proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of internal and external reviewers. Funding decisions will be announced by the end of November, 2019. Contact. For additional questions, please contact Robert Schwabe rfs2102@cumc.columbia.edu or Kara Gross Margolis kjg2133@cumc.columbia.edu.