UAMS

Translational
Research Institute

Request For Application: TRI-DDEI Minigrant Award

The UAMS Translational Research Institute (TRI) in collaboration with the UAMS Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DDEI) seeks to provide mini-grants to support research conducted by under-represented minority (URM) faculty. DDEI and TRI missions can be found at ddei.uams.edu and https://tri.uams.edu, respectively.

The NIH defines groups under-represented in biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences as

- Individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, as described in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

- Individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis. The following racial and ethnic groups have been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical research: Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

- Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds defined as those who meet two or more of the following criteria:

  o Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;

  o Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families;

  o Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years;

  o Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree (see First-Generation and Continuing-Generation College Students: A Comparison of High School and Postsecondary Experiences;

  o Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants;

  o Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child;

  o Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer, or b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas

Award amount: Up to $10,000. All grant funds must be expended within one year of award (December 31, 2022).

Award Information: The grants can be used for a broad range of research activities including, but not limited to, consultant fees, supplies, software, transcribing and analyzing existing data, data collection, publication fees, participant incentives and other activities to prepare for applying for extramural funding. Grant funds may not be used for faculty salary. Funds must be expended within one year of the award date.

Eligibility Criteria: The PI of the study must hold a terminal degree and have at least 50% faculty appointment at UAMS, UAMS-NW, CAVHS, or ACH; must hold the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor; and must be a US citizen or permanent resident. Additionally, the PI must meet the NIH definition of under-represented persons in research (refer above).

Expectations: During the funding period, awardees are expected to maintain contact with TRI staff and faculty with monthly check ins, ongoing mentorship, and accessing TRI resources as needed to successfully complete their project. At the end of the funding period, recipients of this award are expected to have a final product to support ongoing research. This product could include, but is not limited by, an abstract/poster presentation at a national meeting, a submitted

manuscript, and/or a proposal for another funding opportunity to continue their work (extramural or further intramural opportunities are acceptable).

Application **Process**
A panel of interdisciplinary researchers will review applications. All applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm December 13, 2021.

Applications must include in this order:

- A 3 page narrative that describes:
    - Specific Aims
    - Significance and Innovation,
    - Research Plan
    - Brief explanation of future plans/how the grant will advance your research
    - References will not count towards the page limit
- An NIH biosketch of PI. Use this template
- A letter of support from the department chair of the applicant
- Proposed budget in the budget template available here. Note: Grant funds may not be used for faculty salary.
- Budget Justification template available here

The application should be submitted as a single PDF through our online submission form. If the link does not work, you may copy and paste this link into your browser: https://crisredcap.uams.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=Y4KWL9NHWL**.** An interdisciplinary committee will review all applications.

TRI has a wide array of resources to support your research including statistical consultations, mock study panel reviews, community review boards, biomedical informatics consult and support, participant recruitment, plain language/Spanish translation services, various data resources, study coordination, protocol development and IRB submission, and a database of potential research participants. You may find it helpful to include these in your planned activities. You can visit the TRI website to learn more or to access our Portal to request services: https://tri.uams.edu/resources-and-services/tri-services/

For questions or additional information, please contact Paul Duguid at pduguid@uams.edu. Potential applicants are welcome to request an informal consultation with our faculty prior to submitting their application.