



Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Pilot Grant (PG) and Pilot Grant PLUS (PG+)

The Pilot Grant (PG) and Pilot Grant PLUS (PG+) Programs are funding mechanisms to engage faculty members and staff at NV INBRE Partner Institutions in creative activity in the biomedical sciences, increase the culture of research at these institutions, and provide research opportunities for undergraduate students.

Pilot Grant Program Key Dates
Letter of Intent and Abstract DUE: Monday October 15, 2021
<i>Applicants must submit a letter of intent and abstract describing the proposed project and its goals to establish eligibility and programmatic responsiveness. This letter should not exceed 1 page.</i>
Invitation to Pre-Proposal Workshop for full application submission Expected October 25, 2021
<i>Based on the letters of intent/abstracts, the NV INBRE will send eligible applicants an invitation to participate in a required INBRE Pre-Proposal Workshop for full application submission details.</i>
INBRE Pre-Proposal Workshop November 3, 2021 or November 5, 2021
<i>PG applicants are required to participate in one of the Pre-Proposal Workshops covering the specific information needed to complete the INBRE application including the preparation of the budget, Specific Aims, and Research Strategy. The Pre-Proposal Workshop will cover the details of the mentoring, milestones and progress requirements of awardees. The Pre-Proposal Workshop will also cover required application documents such as IRB Approval, Planned Enrollment Reports, etc. All pre-proposal workshops will be held via Zoom.</i>
Application Due Date DUE: January 3, 2022
<i>Full applications will only be accepted from eligible applicants who have completed the Pre-Proposal Workshop. Applications will be submitted electronically through the link provided. Scientific merit reviews will be based on the NIH criteria (Overall Impact, Significance, Investigator, Innovation, Approach, and Environment). Proposed projects must include a tangible product (publication, event, preliminary data, etc). The External Advisory Committee will make funding decisions based on merit, programmatic priorities, and institutional participation in the network. Presentation of clear, reportable milestones appropriate for the PG scope of work will be an important review criterion. Funding preference will be given to proposals that describe a biomedical research project that engages undergraduate students. Collaboration with INBRE research institutions (DRI, UNR or UNLV) is a plus.</i>
Start Date: April 1, 2022
Funding of Pilot Grants depends on the timely arrival of NIH funds. The earliest possible start date is April 1, 2022, but may be delayed.

Funding Level and Allowable Expenses

Pilot Grant: Direct costs up to \$10,000 per year may be requested for small research projects. Permitted expenses include salaries for the PI and research personnel, as well as research supplies that are allowable NIH expenses. Travel expenses are allowed if necessary for conducting fieldwork as part of the project, accessing experts or other resources, or for giving invited presentations on INBRE-related research at a national, regional or international meeting.

Pilot Grant PLUS: Summer salary plus direct costs up to \$10,000 per year may be requested for small research projects. A mentor must be identified and a detailed mentoring plan must be included in the proposal, and the INBRE Administrative Core will assist in identifying a mentor if needed. The mentor must be an established scientist with expertise relevant to the proposed research willing to meet face to face or by

teleconference at least one time during the duration of the project and return a one-page report of progress (i.e. plans toward publication and/or grant proposal). Permitted expenses include salaries for the PI and research personnel, as well as research supplies that are allowable NIH expenses. Travel expenses are allowed if necessary for conducting fieldwork as part of the project, accessing experts or other resources, or for giving invited presentations on INBRE-related research at a national, regional or international meeting.

Project Duration: One (1) year.

Eligibility: Applicants must have a full-time appointment at a NV INBRE Participating Institution. PG awardees will devote effort appropriate for the project. Priority will be given to first time INBRE PG applicants.

Milestones and Progress – Funded projects will be required to report milestone achievement and progress quarterly into the NV INBRE Tracking Database.

NV INBRE Annual Statewide Meeting - PG awardees will be required to attend the annual NV INBRE Annual Statewide Meeting and must budget travel funds accordingly (pending pandemic travel restrictions being lifted)

Additional Information

Applicants with full time appointments from these NV INBRE Partner Institutions are eligible to apply:	
Great Basin College	Truckee Meadows Community College
College of Southern Nevada	Western Nevada College
Nevada State College	Sierra Nevada University

Contact Jessica Garfield at garfieldj@med.unr.edu for further information.

Submit Abstract and Letter of Intent Here:

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