



Request for Applications: IDDRC New Program Development Award

Applications are due *Friday, May 30th 2025, by 5:00pm.*

Application Link: [IDDRC New Program Development Award FY26](#)

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We request applications for a pilot project relevant to elucidating the causes of and/or developing potential new therapies for intellectual or developmental disabilities. These pilot projects may be basic, translational, or clinical research. The goals of this program are to help junior faculty integrate into the IDDRC and to develop strong, externally-funded research programs in this area.

This program was previously supported as part of the Institutional Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center at CHOP/Penn with funding from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This program is currently supported by the CHOP Research Institute.

This year, we anticipate granting 1 award for up to \$50,000, for the duration of one year. Applications will be reviewed by a subgroup of the IDDRC Steering Committee. The applicant selected for support will be notified as soon as possible. **Anticipated start date for funding is July 1, 2025.**

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Individuals must hold a faculty appointment as an **Assistant Professor for less than four years** from the date of appointment by July 1, 2025, even if the initial appointment was at another institution. *Academic Clinicians are not eligible for this award.*
2. None of the funding can be used to support the salary of the Principal Investigator (support for technical staff and trainees is acceptable). K awardees are encouraged to develop projects that are non-overlapping extensions of their funded K awards (the goal will be to subsume the effort required for the pilot project under the K award). All others will need to commit a reasonable percentage of effort to the pilot project (generally 5-10%). This will be cost-sharing supported by either the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia or the University of Pennsylvania (presumably from start-up funds).

Application Requirements:

1. A **letter of nomination** from the Department Chair or Division Chief that describes the applicant's qualifications for the award and the institutional commitment to the candidate. This letter should include an explicit statement that effort for the project will be supported by institutional funds, if needed.
2. **Project Summary/Abstract** (*no more than 250 words*) that clearly describes the overall project.
3. **NIH Biosketch** and **Other Support pages**
4. **Research Activities:** Please provide a list of projects underway, *even if they are supported by internal sources*, with brief summaries (*1-2 sentences each*) for each project.
5. **Research Plan**, including specific aims (*1 page*), significance/innovation (*1/2 page*), and experimental approach (3 pages). References are excluded from page requirements.
6. **Continued Support:** Please articulate a plan for securing external continued support for the program.
7. **Core Usage:** The IDDRC has 5 service-providing cores, including: Clinical Translational Core, Biostatistics and Data Science Core, Genomics and Data Integration Core, Neuroimaging and Neurocircuitry Core, and Preclinical Models Core. Please describe how usage of these cores will facilitate the goals of the pilot project. Visit our website to review the IDDRC cores and services: <https://www.research.chop.edu/iddrc>.
8. A **budget** and **brief budget justification**. Please keep in mind the eligibility criteria—PI salary support cannot be included. 5-10% of effort will be expected.