

FIU Center for Reducing Health Disparities in Substance Abuse & HIV in South Florida
Investigator Development Pilot Grant Program

2019–2020 PILOT GRANTS

Funder: Florida International University through the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center for Minority Institutions grant.

Program: Pilot Grant Program

Purpose: To develop research opportunities for a group of early stage investigators at FIU, particularly those from underrepresented minority groups, who are committed to conducting research on health disparities and to achieve the goal of successfully competing for peer-reviewed grant funding (e.g., R21, R01). Aligned with this goal, the Pilot Grant Program will provide a pilot project and mentoring program to assist promising junior investigators in career development, with a focus on obtaining pilot data and publications in preparation for external peer-reviewed grant funding.

Awards: Approximately 5 awards of up to \$50,000 each will be awarded. Awards will be for a 1-year period. Project funding will commence July 1, 2019.

Application: Application to the program requires: 1) submission of proposed Specific Aims of the study; 2) attendance at a pilot grant development workshop (five 90 minute sessions over 3 weeks during Fall 2018 semester); and 3) submission of a grant proposal.

Eligibility: Any FIU postdoctoral fellow, assistant professor, assistant scholar/research scientist, or equivalent at FIU is eligible to participate, as long as they have not previously successfully obtained an R or K grant from NIH (e.g. R03, R15, R21, R01). Women and people from U.S. minority groups are especially encouraged to apply.

Topics of interest: Health disparities related to human immunodeficiency virus or substance use.

Deadlines:

Preliminary application and Specific Aims submission deadline: **October 1, 2018**

Grant proposal submission deadline: **January 7, 2019**

Information session: August 29, 2018 @ 12:00pm, FIU MMC, ACH5 Room 300

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