



*Putting the Evidence in Evidence-based medicine*

The purpose of the University of Washington (UW) Clinical Learning, Evidence And Research (CLEAR) Center for Musculoskeletal Disorders' Pilot and Feasibility Program is to develop new, early-career faculty investigators in the arena of musculoskeletal research. Investigators can receive a maximum of \$20,000 (direct costs) for faculty/staff effort and/or the purchase of services and supplies. This funding opportunity is limited to Investigators at the UW.

**Key dates:**

Application deadline: April 15, 2018

Awards announced: June 1, 2018

Earliest start date: August 1, 2018

**History:**

The CLEAR Center's Pilot & Feasibility Program is funded by a P30 grant (1P30AR072572) awarded to the UW by the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. The CLEAR Center welcomes proposals with budgets up to \$20,000 in direct costs.

**Eligible Investigators:**

- UW faculty investigators focused on musculoskeletal research
- All UW faculty are eligible, although preference is for new investigators (no prior extramural R01-type funding)
- Applications are limited to one per investigator

**Eligible Purchases:**

- The award amount is \$20,000 (direct costs). These are one-year awards.
- Awards may be used to pay for CLEAR Center Core services, personnel effort, benefits, consultant time as well as materials, services and/or supplies. Budget must include anticipated costs.

**Application Process:**

The application can be downloaded from the CLEAR Center website and submitted via email to the CLEAR Center's Administrative Core at [theclearcenter@uw.edu](mailto:theclearcenter@uw.edu). Applicants will receive email confirmation upon receipt of their application.

**Review Process:**

All proposals will undergo peer review through the CLEAR Center Pilot and Feasibility Award Committee consisting of Internal Steering Committee members as well as select members of the National Advisory Board and content experts as needed. Reviewers will specifically be looking for proposals that:

- will increase applicants' competitiveness for subsequent extramural funding
- will likely lead to a peer-reviewed publication
- utilize the CLEAR Center's core resources and services

**Timeline:**

Pilot and Feasibility awards will be granted on an annual basis. Submissions will close for consideration by 5 pm Pacific Daylight Time on submission deadline day. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**Contact Us:**

Feel free to contact CLEAR Center's Administrator, Kathryn James @ [ktjames@uw.edu](mailto:ktjames@uw.edu) to learn more about this opportunity or send general inquiries to [theclearcenter@uw.edu](mailto:theclearcenter@uw.edu).

**Application Components:**

- **Cover page**
- **Project Title and Abstract** (250 word maximum)
- **2- page research plan**
  - Aim(s)
  - Background and Significance
  - Approach
- **Budget and Budget Justification**
- **NIH formatted Biosketch** for investigators (senior/key personnel)
- If the project requires additional departmental funds, a letter of support from the department chair is required.

**Formatting Requirements:**

- Font size must be 11points or larger (smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams and charts is acceptable as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%)
- Type density must be no more than 15 characters per linear inch (including characters and spaces)
- Line spacing must be no more than six lines per vertical inch

- Text color must be black (color text in figures, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, footnotes and headings is acceptable).
- There is no requirement for specific citation format
- Paper size and margins:
  - Use paper no larger than standard letter paper size (8 1/2" x 11")
  - Provide at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages.
- Supplemental documents are not allowed.
- Table and figures DO count toward the 2-page Research Plan limit
- References can be in addition to the 2-page Research Plan limit