

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PILOT GRANT AWARD (version June 2024) Ginsburg Institute Health Equity Research & Practice Grant Program

Intent of grants

The [Ginsburg Institute for Health Equity](#) was created to provide leadership, build community partnerships and create innovative research programs to improve children's health and lives by advancing health equity. Therefore, the Health Equity Research and Practice Grant Program aims to support investigators with pilot funding necessary to advance health equity. Each year, we will fund 1-2 grants of up to \$50,000 per award for researchers at Nemours-Orlando.

Eligibility

All Nemours faculty who do not have current extramural (e.g., NIH, NSA, AHA, etc.) funding (e.g., K08/23/12, R01, etc.). Exceptions may occur if the pilot proposes research in a new subject area. It is the expectation that the Principal Investigator (PI) will present their findings at the annual Ginsburg Child Health Equity Symposium.

Topic of Proposals

The topic of the proposal should address health equity, health disparities, social drivers of health, mental health, linking to community resources, chronic disease management, food insecurity, health education, built environment and/or upstream interventions. Proposals should include clearly defined aims, hypotheses, and approach(es) as well as provide a description of how results from the proposed work will address a current gap in scientific knowledge.

Deadline

Applications for the 2024 cycle will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Peer Review:

Applications will be reviewed by the Nemours Clinical Research Review Committee (CRRC):

[CRRC Submission & Nemours Research Awards](#). Proposals will be judged on scientific merit (innovation, impact, feasibility, approach) and potential for future external funding. Final review and approval will be done by a select committee from The Ginsburg Institute.

Application Process

- Pre-application consult between PI and [Nancy Molello](#), Ginsburg Institute Executive Director.
- Complete the ITP/Intent to Pursue Funding Form: [Intent to Pursue - New Item \(nemours.org\)](#). In the form, you must indicate that you are applying for a GINSBURG INSTITUTE HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH & PRACTICE GRANT PROGRAM. The Nemours OSP will then help with budget preparation and must sign-off prior to submission. More information about requesting funds can be found here: [Grants & Gifts - Home \(nemours.org\)](#).
- Budget excel form should be approved/signed by Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP). Contact: sponsoredprojectsDV@nemours.org for questions.
- Complete all sections of the CRRC Research Grant Application form. Apply using InfoReady link: <https://nemours.infoready4.com/>
 - Sections I-IV of the Research Plan should not exceed 4-6 pages (page limits do not include Sections V-IX).
 - Sections of the application form that are not applicable can be marked as N/A. Appendices are optional.

- On page 1 of the application / dates of proposed project, please note that funding is for up to 2 years.
 - If needed, the NIH biosketch format is found at (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>). Please email the Ginsburg Institute for Health Equity at ginsburginstitute@nemours.org with questions regarding the correct biosketch format.
 - Please provide all requested information and email the completed application to Nancy.Molello@nemours.org when submitting CRRC application.
- Junior investigators should have a mentor for the project. The expectation is that the PI and mentor will meet on a regular basis to review the status of the project and next steps.

Awards

The Pilot Grant Awards can be used to cover costs for biostatistics, research coordination, conference fees/travel to present work, or other administrative and patient enrollment costs up to \$50,000. **The award will not provide PI salary support.** Physician /time allocated to the project will not be reimbursed.

Awarded funds and/or research coordinator/statistician support must be used within 2 years of Notice of Award. Funds cannot be used for the investigator's effort or students' effort on the project. *Of note, the Delaware ACCEL BERD Core ([Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design \(BERD\) Core – The Delaware CTR ACCEL Program \(de-ctr.org\)](#)) is an additional option for Statistical Support that is offered at no cost to Nemours faculty and staff.*

The funds will be administered by the Nemours Office of Sponsored Projects. Researchers do not need to budget for indirect costs.

Key Dates:

Submission of grant application	Rolling basis (up to 2 awards per year)
Grant Review	Monthly review will be done by the CRRC with final approval from the CCRC select committee.
IRB Submission	Within 1 month of funding announcement
Start Date	Within 2 months of funding announcement
Progress Report	Progress reports will be submitted by the PI 6 months from award date to https://nemours.infoready4.com/ and Nancy.Molello@Nemours.org . Projects should be completed within 2 years of IRB approval.
Final Report/ Completion of all analyses.	Final report will be submitted by the PI to Nancy.Molello@Nemours.org .

PRE-AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

If your proposal is approved for funding, it will be the responsibility of the PI and study team to obtain IRB and all other necessary regulatory approvals. It is best to prepare the IRB submission at the time of project development to allow for timely IRB review.

POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

Final report should be submitted to Nancy.Molello@Nemours.org at the end of the project.



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