

Guidelines for Pilot and Feasibility Projects

Eligibility: Full-time researchers who fall into the following categories:

1. Junior ladder-track faculty (Assistant Professor) with no current or past NIH funding, or those making the transition from NIH training type awards (K awards) to independent R01 funding wishing to establish their independent research funding in the field of molecular hematology.
2. Established investigators with no previous research related to the Center who wish to initiate new research projects in molecular hematology that relate to the focus of the Center.
3. Established investigators in Hematology and related disorders who propose testing original ideas that represent a departure from ongoing research interests.
4. Postdoctoral associates and fellows or Associate Research Scientists with support from a Principal Investigator (with or without R01 funding) who will provide substantive mentorship and consulting on the project.

Application Forms:

Submit complete applications in triplicate to Joseph Madri (LH 115) or Pat Sember (AMISB 237) by the deadline (April 23, 2008). Font should be Arial 11 point or Times 12 point with standard 1" left and right margins. Please adhere to page limits.

Applications & Eligibility	
Applications and related guidelines can be obtained from Joseph Madri (785-2763, joseph.madri@yale.edu) or Pat Sember (737-1685, patricia.sember@yale.edu)	
Eligibility	Full-time researchers as described above
Solicitation of proposals	February 11, 2008
Deadline for proposal submission	April 23, 2008
Awards announced	August 29, 2008
Start Date	September 30, 2008

Review Process:

The grants will be reviewed by members of both the External and Internal Executive Committees of the YCEMH. The top three proposals will be selected for funding. Successful applicants will be notified orally and in writing by the Director and funds made available to the PI on the indicated start date. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing. Written critiques may not be made available to all applicants.

Should an investigator wish to request a second year of funding, a progress report, experimental plan, and budget for the second year must be submitted by the submission deadline (April 23, 2008). These applications will be reviewed alongside the new applications. Outside funding for the project will result in termination of the pilot funding.

Progress Reports:

All successful applicants will be required to submit a progress report at the end of the funded year. This should include publications, outside funding, and an itemization of skills and collaborative relationships developed as a result of the project. In addition, recipients of funds will be required to present their data at the annual YCEMH symposium.

Guidelines for Reviewers:

The YCEMH thanks you for your time and expertise in reviewing the applications for Pilot and Feasibility grant funding. As you read the applications, please consider the:

1. Appropriateness of proposed research to the goals of Pilot Funding
2. Likelihood that resulting findings will lead to large-scale funding
3. Quality of the proposed science
4. Significance and relevance of the science to human health.

The committee will evaluate the grants on all these merits and your candid assessments are valuable and appreciated.