

COBRE Pilot Project Grant Announcement: Call for Proposals

The COBRE Center for the Study of Pain and Sensory Function is calling for proposals for pilot projects related to understanding the neurobiology of chronic pain. Projects should be aimed at acquiring preliminary data for NIH R01/R15/R21/SBIR/STTR or comparable grant applications and for publication in peer-reviewed journals. Collaborative projects are encouraged (multiple principal investigator applications are allowed), **however, it is asked that project proposals include at least one junior investigator as the PI and that the proposed work is not funded by any extramural agencies such as the NIH.** Additionally, applicants should indicate how their project utilizes the COBRE Histology and Imaging Core and/or Behavioral Core facilities.

The pilot program funds are renewable, however continuation of the funding after the first year is contingent upon success in meeting project goals, clear efforts toward submitting and publishing manuscripts, and the feasibility that the research project will develop into a fundable NIH application. Researchers will be required to submit a progress report prior to the end of the first year outlining progress made to date, any manuscripts published, in press, or under review, and how the data acquired will contribute to an NIH application. Progress reports will be reviewed and evaluated by members of the COBRE's internal and external advisory committees. For currently funded pilot project investigators, progress reports are due Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Please contact Jennifer Malon for progress report materials.

Members of the COBRE Internal Advisory Committee will review submitted applications. Selected proposals will be sent, along with the initial reviews, to the External Advisory Committee for further evaluation before a funding decision is made. The earliest start date for funding is September 1, 2015.

Applications must be submitted by email to Jennifer Malon (jmalon@une.edu) no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday July 15, 2015.

Applications should be completed on the downloaded form pages provided (<http://www.une.edu/research/cobre/projects.cfm>) and include the following:

1. **Project Title and Summary:** Includes a brief description of how the project relates to the overarching theme of the neurobiology of chronic pain and the specific aims.
2. **Research Plan:** 4-page limit. Includes A) Specific Aims, B) Background/Significance, C) Experimental Design/Approach, D) Expected Outcomes, and F) a Timeline for completion.
3. **NIH Biosketches** for all major personnel and collaborators.
4. **Budget:** Funds are intended to sustain research necessary for publication and acquisition of external funding. The COBRE will provide a maximum of

\$30,000 for applications with one PI and \$50,000 for multi-PI applications. It is recommended that additional matching funds be requested from individual departments or colleges. COBRE funds may be used for lab supplies and salaries, including summer salaries, student salaries, and technician salaries.

Please note: IACUC/ IRB approval is not required for grant submission, but will be required prior to release of funds.

Questions can be directed to Jennifer Malon (Jmalon@une.edu).