

Seed Grant Program – Letter of Intent

UNC Center for Functional GI & Motility Disorders

Through a grant from NIH (R24 DK067674-01), the UNC Center for Functional GI & Motility Disorders provides grants to encourage and develop new investigators by providing: (a) the funds to collect pilot data essential to successful NIH applications, and (b) mentoring in grant writing as well as the conduct of research.

In FY08, our Seed Grant Program will support three grants up to \$37,500 per grant in direct costs. Support may be requested for up to two years. For multiple requests from one person, separate applications should be submitted. Please see our website for further information about the Seed Grant program: http://www.med.unc.edu/medicine/fgidc/research_seed_grant.htm.

For the grant cycle this year, we are requesting a Letter of Intent with brief concept statement from interested investigators. The deadline for the Letter of Intent is October 1. Investigators invited to submit a full proposal will have a deadline of **December 3** to submit a full proposal. Please include the following in the Letter of Intent:

1. Investigator (name, position, phone number, email address)
2. Project title
3. Mentor (the mentor must be a faculty member or investigator associated with the UNC Center for Functional GI & Motility Disorders, including the Center's Research Network and its Scientific Advisory Board)
4. Concept statement (no more than three paragraphs)
5. Please include relevance of and plans for the project in terms of future funding through an NIH grant as part of the concept statement
6. Total budget amount

Eligibility

- The Seed Grant Program is open to any new investigator at UNC (whether a member of the Center or not) and to any new investigator associated with the Center's Research Network or Scientific Advisory Board.
- Investigators who have already received NIH project support as a principal investigator are not eligible for Seed Grant funds. However, PI's who have received only conference or educational grants including K awards from NIH may apply.
- Proposals that are extensions of already-funded grants are also not eligible for Seed Grant Program funds.
- All proposals must identify a senior research mentor for the proposed project. If a full proposal is requested, the mentor must provide a letter of support agreeing to provide supervision and semiannual reports.

To submit a Letter of Intent: Please email your Letter of Intent as a Word document to knyrop@med.unc.edu.

For further information about the Seed Grant Program, email knyrop@med.unc.edu. For information about the UNC Center for Functional GI & Motility Disorders -- www.med.unc.edu/ibs.