Request for pilot project proposals on addiction science

A Pilot Project Core is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded Neurobiology of Addiction Research Center (NARC). The NARC Pilot Core will oversee the execution and development of basic science, translational and clinical pilot projects that will bring new technologies and new investigators into the field of addiction research. The goals of the Pilot Core are to provide a mechanism primarily to attract young faculty, and secondarily to recruit senior investigators, into the field of addiction and to identify novel technologies that will augment ongoing NARC investigations of the long-term neuroadaptations produced by cocaine self-administration.

The NARC has funds available annually to fund pilot projects related to addiction issues. The project may be either a clinical or basic science study. The purpose of the pilot funding provided by the NARC is to provide an opportunity to collect preliminary data that will ultimately support an R01 application.

Projects will be funded for one year with an opportunity for a one-year competitive renewal.

Individuals interested in submitting a pilot project for consideration should follow the guidelines below and submit their proposal by September 16, 2013.

Guidelines:

* Submit a 3-5 page description of your project using the following format:

  A. Abstract
  B. Specific Aims/Significance of Problem
  C. Preliminary Data
  D. Experimental Design and Methods

* Submit a budget (up to $25,000 preclinical; $50K clinical) and a brief budget justification (no travel or computers; up to 5% salary and benefits).

Submit proposals by email and address inquiries to Jacqueline McGinty, Ph.D., Program Coordinator, Neurobiology of Addiction Research Center <mcginty@musc.edu>.

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