

Interdisciplinary Research Consortium on Stress, Self-control and Addiction (IRCSSA) Pilot Projects Call for Letters of Intent

IRCSSA is offering research funding to support innovative, high-impact interdisciplinary research pilot projects relating to stress, self-control and the **addictive behaviors of smoking, drinking, and overeating**. The aims of IRCSSA are to:

- 1) Examine the mechanisms underlying stress, self-control and addictive behaviors from the biological, behavioral and social science perspectives;
- 2) Conduct programmatic, team-based collaborative research to understand the relationships between stress self-control and the promotion and maintenance of compulsive smoking, drinking and overeating;
- 3) Develop new pharmacological, behavioral and social prevention and treatment strategies to decrease stress, increase self-control and prevent and decrease addictive behavior;
- 4) Foster career development and mentoring of interested students and scientists from varied disciplines in collaborative, interdisciplinary research on stress, self-control, addiction and related chronic diseases;
- 5) Disseminate research findings to professional audiences and to the public, to include partnerships with the community to collaboratively address emerging social, health policy and bioethical issues raised by studies of stress, self-control and addictive behaviors.

Pilot projects at the \$10,000 and \$20,000 levels will be considered. Up to four projects will be funded for the July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012 year. This is a one year funding period with no carry over available. Applicants will need to specify clearly that the project can be completed within the one year funding period. At the conclusion of the funding period, funding recipients will be expected to provide a progress report and presentation at the IRCSSA seminar.

Proposed projects will be reviewed with the following criteria in mind:

- interdisciplinarity
- scientific merit
- innovation and potential impact
- potential to advance the IRCSSA collaborative team science mission
- potential to lead to an independent R21, RO1 or other funding opportunity

The schedule for submitting and developing a proposal is as follows:

February 4, 2011	Call for Letters of Intent released
March 4, 2011	Letters of Intent due
April 11, 2011	Invitation to submit a full proposal issued
May 13, 2011	Final proposals due
June 17, 2011	Notice of funding awarded
July 1, 2011	Funding begins

Your Letter of Intent should include a descriptive title for the proposed project as well as the name and title of principal investigator and other key personnel. The letter should also include the following:

- A summary of the proposed project including the project's specific aims
- How the findings of the proposed project will support the goals of IRCSSA
- The time frame needed to achieve the stated aims of the project (must be 1 year or less)
- The interdisciplinary nature of the proposed project
- The status of ethics committee approval for the proposed project (i.e. HIC, IACUC, etc.)

Please limit your Letter of Intent to a maximum of one page, typewritten, double-spaced, 12 point font, with one inch margins. The letter must be accompanied by the NIH-style "Other Support" document and up to a four-page biosketch.

All Letters of Intent will be reviewed by members of the IRCSSA Pilot Projects Committee and a full application will be requested from those investigators whose proposed projects best match the selection criteria detailed above.

Eligibility: Fellows and faculty who are affiliated with IRCSSA may apply. In addition, applications will be considered from faculty who are interested in establishing an affiliation with IRCSSA.

Send completed Letter of Intent and attachments to:

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