

Pilot Grant Writers' Workshop

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Issues to be Addressed

- 1. Why and where should I apply for a pilot study?**
- 2. How do I prepare a competitive pilot study application?**
- 3. What questions (qualitative vs. quantitative) should I address with a pilot study?**
- 4. What resources can I call on at UF HSC to assist with my pilot grant application?**

What is a Pilot Study?

Aggregation of data collection activities which allow the feasibility of a contemplated study, the critical elements of the study, and the resources needed for successful completion of the study to be predetermined.

Why Write a Pilot Study?

- **Pilot data essential for an NIH RO1 grant application to be competitive**
- **Return on financial investment of UF CTSA pilot study often 10:1 or greater**
- **Identification of non-feasible projects prior to grant application, review, or funding**
- **Collection of specific data that allow better estimation of timelines, budget, and other resource allocations**
- **Results may be publishable in a methods paper prior to study completion.**
- **Multiple sources of pilot study funds are available.**

Sources of Pilot Study Funds

- **Academic Institutions**
 - **University**
 - **Departmental and Institute pilot programs**
 - **Start-up faculty packages**
- **Foundations and Voluntary Health Associations**
- **Private sector/industry**
- **State and Federal Government**
 - **NIH Small Grant Programs (e.g. RO3)**
 - **Career Development Awards (K Series)**
 - **Investigator Development Cores**
 - **Phase 1 SBIR/STTR grants to small businesses**

Opportunities for Pilot Study Funding at UF HSC

Table 4. Opportunities for Pilot Study Funding at UF HSC

Source of Funds	# Projects Funded	Maximum Funding
UF Research Opportunity*	28 (#/college varies)	Up to \$100K/2 years
Clinical/Translational Science Institute*		
Translational	Variable	\$50K/1 year
Patient-Oriented	Variable	\$25K
Non-patient-oriented	Variable	\$7500-\$25K
Translational Communication	Variable	\$10K faculty/\$5K Trainee
CTSI/IOA Pain & Aging*	Variable	\$25K
UFH Cancer Center*	Several kinds	Variable
Emerging Pathogens Institute*	Variable	\$100K/year
EPI Faculty		
NIOSH Agricultural Safety and Health		
1Florida Alzheimer's Disease	2/years	\$33K/year
T.H. Maren Junior Investigator*	Variable	\$25K/year x 2
College of Nursing	Variable	\$20K/1 year

*UF Office of Research website: <http://research.ufl.edu/faculty-and-staff/finding-funding/internal-competitive-funding.html>