

**Multi-School Initiative**  
Third Round of Funding Announced  
**IME Interdisciplinary Pilot Grants Program in Biomedical Research**

**Deadline extension to January 6th, 5pm.**

We are pleased to announce a third round of IME Interdisciplinary Pilot Grant funding. **Six grants of \$30,000 each** will be awarded for support January 1-December 31, 2006.

The Pilot Grants Program serves to advance **interdisciplinary collaborations** between faculty of the Schools of Medicine and Engineering with each other and with other Penn Schools in biomedical-related research.

These are one year grants to support pilot research that initiates or substantiates collaborations between two faculty investigators (designated Co-PIs) at least one of whom must be within SOM or SEAS. Of particular interest is the piloting of innovative approaches (ideas, technologies, devices) directed at basic or clinically relevant biomedical research. **The goal of the program is to assist faculty in obtaining preliminary data that may lead to a collaborative interdisciplinary grant application to the NIH or other agencies/ foundations. Post-pilot award outcomes will be surveyed.**

Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Σ The collaboration of two investigators from different Schools as Co-PIs.
- Σ A clear statement of the enhanced impact of the interdisciplinary approach to the proposed project.
- Σ An indication of how the preliminary work may lead to a full peer-reviewed grant proposal subsequent to the termination of the support.
- Σ A brief cover letter stating commitment from each of the co-principal investigators.
- Σ A two page Biosketch on each Co-PI.
- Σ A list of current and pending research support of the Co-PIs.

***Recipients of the last cycle of funding are listed below for reference***

The application length is restricted to a total of six pages (or less) plus literature citations. A simple budget section is included in the limit. Sections to be covered are:

Introduction/Specific Aims

Background/Significance

Preliminary Data (optional) - "out-of-the-box" thinking is encouraged

Research Design and Methods

Summary of Collaborative Added Value

Faculty salary will not be supported. Equipment or travel funds are also not provided. Studies proposing human or animal studies must comply with university procedures but formal submission to and approval of IACUC and IRB Committees is not required at the time of submission. **SIX grants of \$30,000 each** will be funded beginning January 1, 2006. **The deadline for applications is extended to Jan 6th** *The Committee review will be on Dec 23rd and awards will be announced immediately. Funds will be available to awardees Jan 2nd.*

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