

Medical University of South Carolina Center for Opioid and Cocaine Addiction

Request for pilot project proposals on addiction science

A Pilot Project Core is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded **Center for Opioid and Cocaine Addiction** (COCA). The COCA Pilot Core oversees 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 COCA investigations into the long-term neuroadaptations produced by, and potential treatments for, cocaine and opioid addiction.

The pilot project may be either a clinical or basic science study. The purpose of the pilot funding provided by the COCA 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.

Faculty (postdocs are not eligible) interested in submitting a pilot project for consideration should follow the guidelines below and submit their proposals by **Monday Nov 11, 2019**.

Guidelines:

- 1) Submit a 3-5 page description of your project using the following format:
 - a) Title and Abstract with your name
 - b) Specific Aims
 - c) Significance of Problem
 - d) Preliminary Data
 - e) Experimental Design and Methods
- 2) Submit NIH-formatted biosketches for each investigator
- 3) Submit a budget (**up to \$25,000**) and a brief budget justification (no P.I. or co-I salaries; no travel or computers).
- 4) Submit proposals **by email** to mcginty@musc.edu by **Monday, November 11, 2019**.

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