

Joint James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine and Clemson University Center  
South Carolina Translational Research Improving Musculoskeletal Health (SC-TRIMH)  
Pilot Project Program



The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine is honored to promote a new collaboration with Clemson University to increase research activity in the fields of dentistry and oral health research at both institutions. To this end, the JBE College of Dental Medicine is partnering with the Clemson University Center “South Carolina Translational Research Improving Musculoskeletal Health” to offer Pilot Project funding opportunities to both MUSC and Clemson University faculty. A total of 4 awards (up to \$30,000 each) will be made. Proposals will be funded for one year.

The SC-TRIMH will provide mentoring support and free access to its Core facilities for the successful applicants. Core descriptions can be accessed via the SC-TRIMH webpage: <https://www.clemson.edu/centers-institutes/sc-trimh/>

**To Apply:**

Please provide a proposal in NIH format summarizing aims, background, and planned research. The application should include: 1) Title page (Project Title, PI with Contact Information and Co-Investigators), 2) Abstract (1 page), 3) Proposal (3-5 pages), 4) Budget and Budget Justification (**PI salary is not allowed**), 5) NIH Biosketch of PI and Collaborators, 6) Literature Cited and 7) Letters of Support from Collaborator(s) or Other Key Personnel or Resource Contributors.

**Due Date: Monday March 2, 2020**

**Submission:**

MUSC Applicants: Email a pdf of the assembled files to Mr. Tommy Gallien. [gallient@musc.edu](mailto:gallient@musc.edu);

Clemson University Applicants: Apply via the Clemson University Research Office [Limited Submissions portal](#).

**Evaluation:** Grants will be reviewed using NIH evaluation criteria wherein the study will receive an Overall Impact score based upon review of the following categories: Significance, Investigators, Innovation, Approach and Environment. Special consideration will be given to new investigators, early stage investigators, investigators new to the field of oral health research, and investigators with MUSC-Clemson collaborations. SC-TRIMH will facilitate the establishment of collaborative efforts between faculty at the College of Dental Medicine and Clemson University.

**Beginning Funding Date:** May 1, 2020

**Funding:** Up to \$30,000 for one 12-month period

**Contact** Tommy Gallien, Hai Yao, PhD or Michael Kern, PhD for assistance in identifying potential collaborators or for any questions regarding the application process.

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