



***The Hypertension and Vascular Research Center***  
A COSEHC Designated Cardiovascular Center of Excellence

The Hypertension & Vascular Research Center at Wake Forest School of Medicine is soliciting research pilot project applications for investigators of any rank. Pilot projects should be related to topics of interest to the mission of the Center and be defined as collaborative or as developing new collaborations. The goal of these pilot projects is to allow investigators to pursue novel and innovative ideas that will improve the likelihood of obtaining extramural funding. We encourage applications for projects that currently do not have a cardiovascular focus, but for which adding measures of the cardiovascular system may strengthen or significantly raise the impact of the research. The funding is also meant to allow investigators to perform experiments, access core facilities or improve analyses that address specific critiques raised by reviewers for extramural funding.

**Application Process:**

Applications are limited to 3 pages and should include a brief Introduction stating why funds are needed, followed by Specific Aims, Significance, Innovation, Approach and Plans for securing extramural funding. They should be submitted as a single pdf file electronically to: [pdepauli@wakehealth.edu](mailto:pdepauli@wakehealth.edu). Please contact Debra Diz or Ann Tallant to discuss applications prior to submission and to verify availability of access to core facilities, if applicable.

The funding period is to be used within the current fiscal year.

**Appendix information is limited to:**

- A Summary Statement from the previous grant submission justifying the need for additional experiments.
- Reviewer Comments from the previous manuscript submission justifying the need for additional experiments to secure a high visibility publication.

**Budget**

A total of 3 to 4 applications of \$3,000 -4,000 each will be funded by this Request for Applications (RFA).

A detailed budget justification is required.

**Review Process**

All applications will be reviewed by the Center's Core Faculty for relevance to Center missions and ongoing research activities.

**Elements to be encouraged and that will be considered during the review:**

- Applications with or leverage funding from another Center;
- Applications from junior faculty;
- Applications that use Center core facilities; and
- Applications with multi-PIs, cross departmental and new collaborations.

*The application's PI does not have to be a member of the Center, but if the application is funded the PI is expected to become a member of the Center and contribute to its mission.*

**Key Dates:**

Application deadlines: Rolling submission

Progress Reports: Wednesday, July 1, 2015

**Additional Information:**

For additional information or questions regarding the pilot application, please contact Debra Diz ([ddiz@wakehealth.edu](mailto:ddiz@wakehealth.edu)) or Ann Tallant ([atallant@wakehealth.edu](mailto:atallant@wakehealth.edu)). Applications should be sent to Pat DePaulis: [pdepauli@wakehealth.edu](mailto:pdepauli@wakehealth.edu)