

**Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
School of Medicine Research Enhancement Fund
NEW PROJECT APPLICATION**

General Information

The New Project Program was established to provide initial funding necessary for the development of new research ideas into competitive applications for support from extramural agencies. The goal of this program is primarily focused on support for new faculty whose start-up funding could not effectively support their current research programs. Funding of new research directions from existing faculty will also be considered. Established investigators with adequate current funding are not eligible for these awards. Applications will be viewed in terms of potential for generating data that will lead to support from National funding agencies. The duration of these projects is for one year. An applicant can resubmit for an additional year of support; this re-application will be critically evaluated based not only on its scientific merit, but also on evidence of submission of extramural grant support during this time.

Application Format (limit of 10 pages for sections 2-4)

1. 1. Title Page.
 - a. Title of the research project
 - b. Applicant information (name, degree, academic rank, campus address, e-mail address, and telephone number)
 - c. Signature of applicant
 - d. Signature of departmental Head, with dates.
2. Specific Aims. Provide a concise statement of the research aims to be accomplished in this pilot project.
3. A brief history of the research area and a statement concerning its relationship to other current research in your laboratory.
4. Methods.
5. Plans for obtaining extramural support based on data gathered during this pilot program. Describe your plans to obtain support for this research program. Have applications been submitted to National agencies?
6. Current Research Support. List all current research support by agency number, title, and total direct costs awarded. Make sure that you include all past start-up and institutional support, including amounts and dates.
7. NIH-type biographical sketch.

8. Proposed Budget and Justification. Support for the applicant's research program should be a shared responsibility between the faculty member, his or her department, and the School of Medicine. Therefore, to the extent possible, applicants should submit evidence of departmental financial support for the applicant's research program. Budgetary requests should be limited to personnel and supplies. Support for normal operations of central resources, faculty salaries, indirect costs, construction, library, cost overruns, broad institutional planning activities, and administrative travel will be excluded from consideration. (Travel can only be considered as an integral part of data gathering). The total period of support cannot exceed twelve months, and will not exceed \$75,000, including departmental/center co-support. Unfunded extensions of up to six months will be provided upon application to the Evaluation Committee; however, no expenditure of award funds can occur past a period including the award period and the allowed no-cost extension.

The signed original application (by both applicant and department head), and an electronic version of the proposal should be submitted to the Chair of the REF Grant Evaluation Committee (pwinsa@lsuhsc.edu).

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING ALL EIGHT COMPONENTS LISTED ABOVE AND ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES AND DOCUMENTS ON THE ORIGINAL AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION. APPLICATIONS MUST BE WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING BY AN EXTRAMURAL AGENCY.