



Early Career SABV Pilot Grants

Augusta ROAR: Specialized Centers of Research Excellence on Sex Differences

The NIH-funded Augusta SCORE program is pleased to announce pilot grants to support innovative research relevant to the SCORE mission. Pilot ROAR grants will support innovative studies from early career investigators who are interested in engaging in sex as a biological variable (SABV)-related research. Pilot grants can be requested to 1) to expand current research not focused on SABV to include SABV or 2) to increase capacity to assess SABV.

Eligible candidates include early career faculty at the level of Instructor, Assistant Professor, or equivalent at Augusta University (AU), University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), or University of South Carolina (USC). Eligible applicant must be able to commit a minimum of 6-person months of full-time effort for career enhancement and research activities, and be eligible to submit for independent grants. Former or current PI's on NIH research project grants (not including Career Development (R00/K), Small (R03) or Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grants or equivalent), or project leaders on P01 or center grants (e.g., P30, P50) are not eligible; pre- and post-doctoral fellowships excluded). Applicants can request up to \$20,000/award. **APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1, 2024.**

Interested applicants should submit:

1. Augusta ROAR Application Cover Page
2. NIH Biosketch
3. Aims and description of research plan including relevance to SABV (3 page max.)
4. Milestones to be achieved within the funding period and plans for extramural funding applications (1 page max.)
5. Lay Summary (half page max.)

Successful applicants will be required to submit a detailed budget, other support, and all regulatory approval documentation (IRB, IACUC) prior to the release of funds. Each ROAR Fellow will also be required to select a community partner for outreach in the area of cardiovascular disease awareness in women as part of a "Spread the Awareness" campaign. A letter of support from the community partner outlining goals for the partnership project will also need to be submitted prior to funding.

Please submit all documents as a single PDF (letters can be provided separately) via email to Emily Crider: ecrider@augusta.edu. AU, UMMC and USC are equal opportunity employers and applications from under-represented minorities and women are strongly encouraged.

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