



Rush University Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases Request for Applications

The Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases (CEID) is requesting applications for projects developing innovative approaches to research, education and community outreach in areas related to infectious disease. CEID intends to support a broad range of pilot projects that may lead to expanded research, education or community outreach efforts and additional grant funding. They are intended to enable alliances between Rush researchers and others in the community that promote research and educational activities, and to establish a portfolio for the CEID.

Generalized Criteria:

- Multiple awards (5-7) will be made for initiatives directed toward research on infectious disease that will benefit the Chicagoland community as well as one (1) award focused on collaborative educational program between Rush and Chicagoland secondary schools.
- The proposed team must include at least one (1) faculty researcher or educator from Rush
- Existing collaborators can apply, but the application must reflect a new, not yet funded area of focus and research.
- The project must be innovative.
- The project must be feasible within the project period (Oct 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).
- Applicants are encouraged to identify funding mechanisms (e.g., federal, non-federal, or other specific grant mechanisms) for future funding opportunities that will allow further progress on the CEID project.
- Creative, interdisciplinary applications are encouraged.
- Applications from early career investigators and diverse candidates are encouraged.
- Applications involving education and/or community facing functions are encouraged.
- Applications that include collaborations with at least one representative from another Chicagoland academic institution, community group/non-profit, public health organization, or secondary school are encouraged.

Funding Amounts

Up to \$50,000 is available per award. Indirect costs are not allowed.

Timeline

Application Period Opens: August 1, 2022

Submission Closes: August 15, 2022

Award Notice: September 6, 2022

Period of Performance: expected October 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Proposal Formatting

Proposals must include the following sections (Arial 11-point font, 1-inch margins, page limits for individual required sections are listed below).

Proposal Submissions

Proposals are due on August 15, 2022 at 5:00pm CT. Please compile the documents into two merged PDF documents and submit via this [REDCap form](#).

Full Proposal Sections Include

File 1

- **Cover Page** (grant proposal title, and list name(s) of PIs and other significant collaborators)
- **Biosketches for each co-PI** – See standard NIH [biosketch template](#)
- **Lay Project Summary/Abstract** (maximum 300 words)
- **Specific Aim(s)** (maximum 300 words)
- **Significance and Innovation** (maximum 300 words)
- **Research Strategy/Approach**
(maximum 1000 words; preliminary data not required but allowed; no more than 5 references)
- **Relevant Environment and Facilities** (maximum 500 words)

File 2

- **Budget Template**
 - Allowable: Up to 10% effort for PIs (up to NIH cap), publication costs, consumables/reagents, services, etc.
 - Not allowable: Hardware purchases or other capital expenses, indirect costs

Proposal Review

A review panel composed of noncompeting researchers and CEID staff will review all applications and provide recommendations for funding.

Criteria include:

- Significance, innovation, approach, facilities and other resources
- Overall scientific, educational, and community impact
- Feasibility of the proposed project in the timeframe provided
- Nature and degree of collaboration
- Identification of one or more potential future funding streams

The review panel will make the final recommendations for funding. Successful applicants will be notified via email no later than September 6, 2022.

Regulatory Approval

Regulatory approval required for all grant applications. You must have an approved IRB and/or IACUC specifically for this project and that is not linked to another funding source.

Questions

Contact [Alyse Kittner](#) with questions regarding the CEID Pilot Award RFA.