

Call for Pilot Project Proposals

The MIT Center for Environmental Health Sciences (CEHS), funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), invites MIT faculty to submit applications for funding of Pilot Projects. Please see the NIEHS strategic plan to gain understanding of the types of projects we plan to fund (<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/about/strategicplan/>). **The Center anticipates funding of \$25,000 (direct costs) for each project.** We encourage proposals from junior faculty, any faculty member wishing to branch into new areas of environmental health research, and faculty who are involved in interdisciplinary environmental health collaborations, for example between engineers and scientists. Projects can be anywhere on the spectrum between basic sciences and clinical translation. In all cases, the trajectory to human application must be clear and feasible.

Translational Pilot Projects will be evaluated separately from those in the basic sciences. Through the generosity of Vilma and Lionel Kinney, we are pleased to announce a new Translational Pilot Project Program named in honor of **Dr. Theron G. Randolph**, a pioneer in the fields of environmental and natural products medicine.

Submission Deadline:

April 1, 2015

Anticipated Start Date:

May 1, 2015

Questions regarding the application process should be directed to:

Professor John M. Essigmann,
Director (jessig@mit.edu)
or

Professor Bevin P. Engelward,
Deputy Director
(bevin@mit.edu)

Questions of an administrative or financial nature should be directed to:

Ms. Amanda Tat,
Administrative Officer
(atat@mit.edu).

Check our website for further details and required forms:
<http://cehs.mit.edu/pilot.html>

The Pilot Program seeks to:

- Provide initial support for new investigators to establish research in the area of environmental health.
- Allow established investigators to explore innovative new directions in environmental health research representing a significant departure from ongoing funded research.
- Stimulate investigators from diverse fields of endeavor to apply their expertise to environmental health research.
- Encourage and foster multi-disciplinary research collaborations.
- Provide an opportunity for investigators to move their basic research to the translational level.

Proposal Guidelines:

Applicants should submit a four-page proposal that outlines the Specific Aims and Research Strategy (Significance, Innovation, and Approach). Please distinguish in the project title whether the pilot project application is “basic research” or “translational research” in the beginning of the title.

Applications should include a detailed budget (Form Page 4) and budget justification along with an NIH biographical sketch, using the PHS398 forms.
(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>)

Completed applications should be submitted to: Ms. Amanda Tat, Administrative Officer of the CEHS via email (atat@mit.edu).