



## Announcement: Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Research Network Investigator Award

The DBPNet Investigator Award will fund one or more pilot research projects or planning grants involving DBPNet. Up to \$15,000 (total costs) is available for planning grants and up to \$20,000 is available for pilot research awards.<sup>1</sup>

### Eligibility for the award:

- Applicant must be an investigator at a DBPNet Site
- Applicant may be at the Instructor through Professor level. Applicants who have received prior research funding **are** eligible.
- Applications will be consider to support either the planning and writing of an extra-mural grant proposal for a study to be done through DBPNet or pilot studies that will provide preliminary data for a grant application

### Criteria for the award:

#### For planning grants or pilot studies

- The proposal should address an important area of concern in developmental-behavioral pediatrics (investigators are encouraged to review the results of the DBPNet Delphi Study of Research Priorities for the Field, JDBP 2012;33:509-516).
- The potential for the planning grant or pilot study to lead to a future extra-mural grant support for a DBPNet study will be a primary consideration in the review process
- Preference will be given to studies focused on the development, validation, or implementation of outcome measures for developmental-behavioral pediatrics practice or interventions to improve developmental-behavioral pediatric conditions.
- Including interdisciplinary investigators and family members on research teams is preferred.

#### Additional Criteria for Planning Grants

- The applicant must agree to submit a draft of the grant proposal to the DBPNet Steering Committee within 6 months of receiving funding.
- The applicant must acknowledge that they understand that the DBPNet Steering Committee must approve the grant prior to submission, and that DBPNet Bylaws require the Network Coordinating Center to maintain the data for all Network studies.

### Application

Interested applicants must submit a proposal electronically to the DBPNet Coordinating Center ([caciaj@email.chop.edu](mailto:caciaj@email.chop.edu)) by July 17, 2017. The proposal should include:

- **Cover sheet** - indicating the project title, PI name, and contact information, including e-mail address for the PI
- **Description of the proposal**-- not to exceed **three single-spaced pages**, including the budget with budget justification and must use a font size no smaller than Arial 11, with 1" margins. This section must provide a brief overview of the project, including project aims, background, methods, evaluation, and the significance of the proposed study. In addition the proposal should include a description of the plan to utilize DBPNet and the potential of the study or planning grant to lead to a funded study. Please adhere strictly to these requirements- failure to do so will result in return of the application without further review. The cover sheet,

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<sup>1</sup> The award will be available pending confirmation of federal funding

biographical sketch, references and letter of support are not included in the page limit. The budget and budget justification are included in the page limit.

- **Budget and budget justification**-- The budget for this award can support investigator(s) time at one or more sites to collaborate in conducting a pilot study or writing a grant application and may include meeting expenses for investigators from multiple sites. The grant may also pay for consultation with a biostatistician or others needed to develop the proposal, but these costs must be well justified. The grant may not pay for equipment for long-term use (e.g. computers). Investigators with questions about the budget are encouraged to contact the Director of the Network Coordinating Center at [blum@email.chop.edu](mailto:blum@email.chop.edu).
- **Biographical sketch** using the standard NIH biosketch form. For this purpose, the biosketch is not to exceed two pages. The biosketch does not count towards the page limit. The form can be found at the following site: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketch.doc>; and instructions for the form are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/biosketchsample.doc>
- **For investigators at the Instructor or Assistant Professor level, a letter of support from a primary mentor** is strongly encouraged. The letter of support does not count towards the page limit.

It is expected that award notifications will be made by the end of August 2017. The proposed project must be completed by September 1, 2018.

The awardee will be required to submit to the DBPNet Network Coordinating Center a progress report regarding the funded project 6 and 12 months from the project start date.

**Please Note - incomplete submissions and proposals that exceed page limits will not be forwarded to the review team.**