Request for Applications: Dissemination & Implementation Science Pilot Projects

2025-26 Program Overview and Instructions

Program Overview: The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Department of Medicine (DOM) Implementation Science Research Program in collaboration with the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), Center for Outcomes & Effectiveness Research & Education (COERE), and the Forge AHEAD Center invite applications for enterprise-wide dissemination and implementation science pilot projects. Dissemination and implementation science broadly seeks to improve how evidence-based practices, interventions, and policies are disseminated, implemented, and maintained in real-world settings.

Pilot funding is intended to provide initial project support for new investigators, allow exploration of possible innovative new directions for established investigators in dissemination and implementation science that is different or distinct from ongoing funded research, and encourage investigators from other areas to use their expertise for dissemination and implementation science. Pilot projects should focus on **data collection** or **data analysis** in any area of research related to dissemination and implementation science.

Research Focus: The pilot projects should: 1) ask dissemination and implementation research questions, 2) use a dissemination and/or implementation science framework to guide the research, and 3) employ appropriate research designs and/or methods. Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate likelihood of future R01 (or equivalent) funding.

Key Dates:

Full Application Due Date	June 27, 2025
Notification of Awards	August 18, 2025
Funding Period	September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are full-time UAB faculty (all schools) who have an MD or PhD or equivalent terminal degree and meet one of the following criteria:

- NIH-defined New and Early-Stage Investigators (https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-stage/index.htm) at the time of funding without current or past NIH R01 or equivalent grant support, or
- Senior investigators if the application is an innovative new direction in dissemination and implementation research that is different or distinct from their ongoing funded research.

Applicants are encouraged to engage investigators at different levels, community stakeholders, public health representatives and those with lived experience and varied backgrounds in support of their study. Applicants supported by NIH K awards are eligible provided the requested funds support different items. The research may be on the same topic. Postdoctoral fellows are eligible if they will be appointed to a faculty position prior to the funding start date. Investigators may contact the Implementation Science Research Program (ImpSci@uabmc.edu) or Dr. Lisa Zubkoff (lisazubkoff@uabmc.edu) with questions about eligibility or appropriateness of their project. Please visit our webpage (https://sites.uab.edu/implementationscience/) for additional information.

Funding: Up to 3 projects will be funded for up to $25,000 each. A second year of funding can be requested on a repetitive basis (investigators applying for a second year of funding will compete against new proposals in that cycle). Travel and equipment expenses are each capped at $1,000. Applicants may apply more than once if not selected for funding. Awardees are responsible for appropriate Institutional Review Board approval.

Instructions: Please submit the pilot application with the following information in a single PDF file:

1. Cover letter: Study title, PI name, affiliations, contact information
2. Research Plan: Specific Aims (~1/2 page), Merit / Significance (~1/2 page), Approach (~2 pages), Innovation (~1/2 page), Pathway to Independence (~1/2 page). Maximum <u>4 pages</u> for research plan.
3. References (not included in 4-page limit)
4. Budget on a PHS 398 form and budget justification (not included in 4-page limit)
5. Biosketches (PI & co-investigators) (not included in 4-page limit)

Applications should be submitted to ImpSci@uabmc.edu by June 27, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. C.T.