LWBIWH/UMC Seed Grant & Research Scholars Programs
Fact Sheet

The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women’s Health and University Medical Center are pleased to announce the LWBIWH/UMC Research Scholars and Seed Grant programs for 2012-13. The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women’s Health and the UMC Women’s Health Committee share the goal of advancing multi-disciplinary science in women's health and promoting the well-being of women through research, education, and patient care.

Research Scholars Program: The Research Scholars program is an opportunity to identify and support clinical faculty who are developing longitudinal (2-year) projects in women’s health or gender differences. This program provides funding, research support, and other resources to assist clinical faculty with career interests in women's health/ gender-specific scholarship, and whose efforts can serve as the core of our continuing research focus in Lubbock. Suitable projects include patient-oriented research, as well as epidemiological, behavioral, or health services studies. Research Scholars funding will be distributed as grants of up to $20,000 each, distributed over 2 years (up to $10,000 in each year). Preference will be given to those projects that involve clinical settings at TTUHSC or UMC.

Seed Grant Program: The goal of the Seed Grant program is to identify and fund research projects that have the highest likelihood of leading to strong extramural grant applications. The program supports clinical or basic sciences faculty or faculty teams that are developing pilot or preliminary studies. Projects submitted for seed grant funding from this initiative must focus specifically on women’s health and/or gender differences. Suitable projects include clinical or health services studies as well as those that use animal, theoretical or laboratory models. Seed Grant funding will be distributed as grants of up to $20,000 each for a period of 1 year. Preference will be given to projects that have a clear clinical focus and design, including collaborations that involve clinician faculty as investigators and those that take advantage of clinical settings at TTUHSC or UMC. Projects that involve collaborative teams are particularly encouraged.

Funding Available: We anticipate having about $72,000 available in 2013-2014 to support both the LWBIWH/UMC Research Scholars and Seed Grant programs. We urge applicants for both programs to indicate the most realistic budget possible so that we can spread our resources as far as possible. Faculty or graduate student salaries may not be paid from Seed Grant funds, although salaries for direct technical support will be considered. No funds may be used to pay clinical charges to another department. The Committee will carefully review the proposed budget relative to the research plan and recommend budget amounts accordingly.

Application & Reporting Process: Applicants for both programs must submit a pre-proposal form that includes a project summary of up to 5000 characters. Investigators submitting pre-proposals with the highest ratings will be asked to submit full proposals. Principal Investigators of successful projects will be expected to make regular progress reports throughout the grant project as well as a final report. Grantees also may be asked to make a presentation regarding their project and research during a LWBIWH event. Publications or presentations arising from funded projects should acknowledge the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women’s Health and UMC Health System and include the LWBIWH logo, if appropriate.
Submission Eligibility: The PI must have a primary faculty appointment and more than 50% employment on the Lubbock campus of TTUHSC and should not be considered in training. A faculty member may submit only one application as a PI to the Women’s Health Seed Grant or Research Scholar programs, but may serve as a Co-Investigator on another Grant application.

Application Due Dates:
- April 24, 2013 Pre-proposal Forms due by 5:00 PM
- May 15, 2013 Notification of review results and full proposals requested from finalists
- June 21, 2013 Full proposals due by 5:00 PM
- July 1, 2013 Notification of awards
- July 1, 2013 Funding available

Please e-mail your completed pre-proposal form to Betsy Goebel Jones, EdD (betsy.jones@ttuhsc.edu), with a copy to Maggie Ryan (maggie.ryan@ttuhsc.edu)

Review Criteria: Review of applications at both the pre-proposal and proposal level will assess the following:
- Relevance to women’s health
- Potential significance of the study
- Quality of the proposal
- Appropriateness of the budget
- Potential to generate future extramural funding (Seed Grant proposals)

Project Support: Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the resources provided by the TTUHSC Clinical Research Institute. The Institute potentially can provide assistance with experimental design, and, if a grant is awarded, the submission to the IRB, enrollment of subjects and other aspects of the conduct of the study. Contact Josie Martinez (josie.martinez@ttuhsc.edu) to set up a meeting with either Dr. Lorenz Lutherer or Cathy Lovett to discuss how the Institute can assist you.

To Apply:
1. Download the Seed Grant or Research Scholar Pre-Proposal Form from http://www.ttuhsc.edu/som/fammed/lwbiwhLubbock.aspx. The Pre-Proposal Forms are Microsoft Word form files.
2. Type or paste in a project summary that addresses the following: 1) Specific Aims; 2) Background and Experimental Approach; 3) Research Personnel; 4) Significance for Women’s Health; and 5) Prospects for Long-Term Project Development or External Funding (limit 5000 characters and spaces). The form field will expand to fit your text, up to 5000 characters and spaces. Please use non-scientific language for your project summary. The initial review will be conducted by a team that includes basic scientists, clinicians, educators, and lay persons from diverse backgrounds.
3. Be sure to Save-As your Pre-Proposal Form so that the PI’s name is in the file name.
4. E-mail the completed Pre-Proposal Form to both betsy.jones@ttuhsc.edu and maggie.ryan@ttuhsc.edu by April 24, 2013.