

## Rollins School of Public Health Dean's Pilot and Innovation Grants Cycle 6, 2024-2026 Request for Proposals

The Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH) announces a sixth cycle of the RSPH Dean's Pilot and Innovation Grants to support early career faculty (Assistant Professors). The vision is to create opportunities for RSPH early career faculty (Assistant professors – all tracks) to obtain preliminary data and to build collaborations that can be rapidly leveraged toward the development of newly funded extramural research projects.

Faculty members applying for these awards are encouraged to collaborate with established faculty, so that strong mentorship can be developed to support the success of early career faculty.

Applications are solicited from full-time Assistant Professors of all departments and disciplines at RSPH. Collaborations with other schools at Emory, Georgia Institute of Technology, and other institutions in the metro-Atlanta area are welcome, but the RSPH faculty must be the PI.

These awards are not intended to support already established projects or minimal extensions of ongoing research programs. The project itself must be new, highly innovative, and as yet unfunded and unpublished, and should be designed in a way that has the potential to lead to an application for a larger extramural grant **within 2 years following the award**.

Pilot Awards can be up to a maximum of \$50,000 with **a strict award term of two year**. Applicants must present a credible plan describing how they will make substantial progress within two years of funding. **Carryover of funds beyond two years is not possible, and any funds remaining at the end of the two year budget period will be returned to the program.**

**The application deadline is 5 PM EST May 31, 2024**, and funding is anticipated to begin September 1, 2024. The school has earmarked \$200,000 for this sixth round of awards. Award applications should be submitted [here](#).

### Eligibility

A principal investigator should be a full-time Assistant Professor (any track) at RSPH at the time of application submission and may only participate in one Pilot Award application, however, established co-investigators can participate in multiple applications. The proposal cannot be duplicative with other funding at the time of the award.

**\*\*Prior winners are not eligible.**

## Application

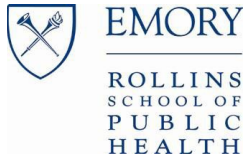
Applications will consist of:

1. **A cover sheet:** indicating the title of the project, faculty and departments involved and contact information (see attached).
2. **Letters of support:** from department chair committing time for the PI to work on this project, and from an established faculty member (i.e., those at the rank of Associate or Full Professor) committing to mentor the PI on this project.
3. **A research proposal:** containing four sections that succinctly describe the following:
  - o **Innovative Study Hypothesis, and Aims of the Pilot:** What is the hypothesis to be tested or goal to be achieved; what specifically will be done during the pilot period; how are the proposed studies novel and not merely an extension of previously funded or published work; how does the work link with the [RSPH Strategic Plan](#) and/or with extramural priority areas?
  - o **Significance of the project and mentorship arrangement/collaboration:** What is the scientific premise supporting that hypothesis; why is the problem important; What new data and/or new collaborations will be enabled by the proposed work; is this a new collaboration (encouraged); applicants must clearly describe how the project represents a *new direction* and is not simply an extension of previously funded work; what role will the mentor play and what experience do they bring?.
  - o **Approach:** How will this work be accomplished, rigorously, during the two years of funding?
  - o **Expected impact of the proposed studies:** Beyond the initial funded phase, what future work would be enabled? Applicants should specifically comment on types and timelines of future substantial grant proposals as well as expectations on other deliverables (manuscripts, tools, databases, etc) enabled by the pilot.

The research proposal section can be no more than three pages (minimum 11 pt Arial font, 1" margins, single spaced). References are not included in the three-page limit. Since these Pilot Awards are intended for new innovative projects, no preliminary data are required

4. **Budget and justification:** A budget and justification that describes how the funding will be apportioned for any personnel, supplies and equipment. Salary support for investigators is discouraged, as the goal is to maximize research, and departments are requested to show commitment by supporting the time for faculty to do this research. Please use an PHS398 NIH style budget form (pg. 4) for the budget and include a justification (See attached form).
5. **Biosketches:** National Institutes of Health-style bio sketch of the PI and his/her mentor *that includes all current and pending support from all sponsored and non-sponsored sources*. Each bio sketch is limited to five pages (see attached format).

Each proposal must be submitted with the above four items compiled into a single PDF.



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The PDF file name format must be: Last name of Corresponding PI dot First Name of Corresponding PI dot pdf. For example: Sullivan.Mark.pdf

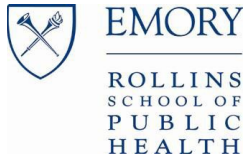
**The proposals will be reviewed using an NIH scoring system.**

Scoring will address weakness/strengths in each of the following four dimensions (see above):

1. Innovation
2. Investigator and mentorship
3. Approach
4. Expected impact, especially immediate potential for extramural grants

<b>Criterion Strength</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Descriptor</b>
<b>High</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Exceptional</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Medium</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Very Good</b>
	<b>5</b>	<b>Good</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>
<b>Low</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Fair</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>Poor</b>

**Submit proposals [here](#) by 5pm May 31, 2024**



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**PROJECT TITLE:**

**PI NAME:**

**PI DEPARTMENT:**

**PI EMAIL:**

**MENTOR NAME:**

**MENTOR DEPARTMENT:**

**MENTOR EMAIL:**

**OTHER COLLABORATORS (NAME AND DEPARTMENT):**

**BUDGET REQUESTED: \$**



**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Provide the following information for the Senior/key personnel and other significant contributors.  
 Follow this format for each person. **DO NOT EXCEED FIVE PAGES.**

NAME:

eRA COMMONS USER NAME (credential, e.g., agency login):

POSITION TITLE:

EDUCATION/TRAINING *(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)*

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY

**A. Personal Statement**

**B. Positions and Honors**

**C. Contributions to Science**

<b>DETAILED BUDGET FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD DIRECT COSTS ONLY</b>	FROM	THROUGH
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List PERSONNEL (*Applicant organization only*)  
 Use Cal, Acad, or Summer to Enter Months Devoted to Project  
 Enter Dollar Amounts Requested (*omit cents*) for Salary Requested and Fringe Benefits

NAME	ROLE ONPROJECT	Cal. Mnths	Acad. Mnths	Summer Mnths	INST.BASE SALARY	SALARYREQ UESTED	FRINGEBENE FITS	TOTAL
	PD/PI							
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>								

CONSULTANT COSTS	
EQUIPMENT ( <i>Itemize</i> )	
SUPPLIES ( <i>Itemize by category</i> )	
TRAVEL	
INPATIENT CARE COSTS	
OUTPATIENT CARE COSTS	
ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS ( <i>Itemize by category</i> )	
OTHER EXPENSES ( <i>Itemize by category</i> )	

CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS	DIRECT COSTS	
<b>SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD</b> ( <i>Item 7a, Face Page</i> )		\$
CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS	FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD</b>		\$

## **Justification**

**Personnel** (Provide description of role of all individuals working on the project, whether or not effort support is requested.)

**Other Costs** (Provide breakdown of costs and justification)