



University of Rochester Aging Institute Request for Proposals: Pilot Studies in Aging

The University of Rochester Aging Institute (URAI) is soliciting grant applications to support up to three aging research projects. One of these awards will be co-sponsored by the Wilmot Cancer Institute (WCI) and focus on cancer and aging, and two are sponsored by the URAI with a focus on other basic, translational or clinical aging research topics. The award level is up to \$50,000 for one year per award.

The goal of this pilot program is to fund new collaborative research studies that will support future application for funding from NCI, NIA or other extramural sources. Collaborative projects that involve multiple PIs, as well as projects from investigators who have not previously worked in aging research are encouraged. Awards will be based on scientific merit, innovation and responsiveness to this RFA. See the [URAI website](#) for information on our mission, vision & priorities.

Proposals for the WCI-URAI co-sponsored award, but not necessarily for the other two awards, must relate to cancer and aging and align with the one or more of the WCI's Core Research Programs: 'Genetics, Epigenetics and Metabolism', 'Cancer Microenvironment' and 'Cancer Prevention and Control', or the Cancer Outreach and Engagement Program. For the two other awards, it is anticipated that one award will be in basic aging research and one in clinical aging research.

Full time UR faculty will qualify only once as a principal investigator and once as a co-investigator, and may only hold a single URAI pilot award as a PI at any given time.

Proposal

Application is a two-step process. Step 1 consists of a one-page letter of intent (LOI) summarizing the proposed project and NIH format biosketches of the PIs involved. The LOI should be submitted in a single PDF document using at least a font size of 11 point, ½ inch margin, single-spaced type. Proposals will be scored by a panel of URAI and WCI experts and meritorious applications will be invited for a full submission.

THIS PROPOSAL DOES NOT NEED TO BE ROUTED INTERNALLY

Submission Timeline

Letters of intent are **due March 21st**. Invitations for full submissions will be solicited by **April 11th**. Full submissions (Instructions will be provided and posted on URAI website) will be due on **May 16th**.

Anticipated start date for successful proposals: July 1, 2021.

Letters of intent and / or questions should be submitted electronically to the URAI Administration:
ur_aging_institute@urmc.rochester.edu