



CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Community Research Innovative Scholars Program (CRISP)

Applications due November 1, 2016

The Goal of the CRISP

The Community Research and Innovative Scholars Program (CRISP) is a twelve month group-based mentoring program (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) which supports the development of junior UMass researchers who have established community partnerships and who are interested in pursuing extramural funded grants. Community engaged research involves collaborative research with community partners along the translational research continuum.

Commitment

Scholars must commit a minimum of 20% FTE for a one year period. Accepted scholars must also demonstrate that this effort will be covered by the Department/Division during the entirety of their time in the program.

Participation involves:

- Participation in a monthly mentoring group, typically at the Worcester campus
- Completing a pilot project as well as carrying out additional scholarly activity to support an external grant application
- Completing and submitting an external grant application
- Scholar's home campus will match awarded funds

Pilot Project Funding

CRISP scholars may receive up to \$10,000 funding from CRISP and matching funds from their home campus to conduct pilot research to inform a future grant proposal. The amount of funding received from CRISP is contingent upon availability of grant funds.

Eligibility

Faculty from the 5 UMass campuses can apply provided they meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Academically or professionally salaried
- PhD, MD or equivalent advanced degree
- Not previously received NIH or equivalent grant funding
- Minimum ½ time benefited employee
- Have an established community partner

Evaluation Criteria

A review committee of faculty from each of the 5 campuses will evaluate applicants based on:

- The quality of the candidate's academic achievements and potential for future productivity
- The candidate's established commitment to conducting community engaged research with a community partner
- The potential of the candidate's research area/project leading to future external funding
- Commitment of support by Department Chair or Division Chief as demonstrated by protected time, space and resources
- The strength of the letters of support from mentor and community partner

Application Components

Submit the following application components, except for letters of support, in one pdf document.

- *Cover page*: including: Title of project, Applicant's name and credentials, Campus, Department, Faculty rank, Office address and telephone, Email address, List of letter of support writers (including relationship to the applicant)
- *Current CV*
- *Research Proposal (not to exceed 3 pages)*
Include a description of your research including: Specific Aims, Significance, Methods and Approach.
- *Statement of Interest (not to exceed 1 page)*
Include a one page overview of general research and future research plans for an external grant application and how CRISP can help you achieve this goal.
- *Community Partnership Description (not to exceed 1 page)*
Include a half page describing your community partnership
- *Letters of support*:
 - Include a letter of support from your Chair/Chief that includes a statement of your department or division's commitment to you, noted by protected time to participate in the CRISP, space and resources. The letter must also state that the Chair/Chief has read your proposal.
 - Include a letter of support from your Research Mentor which describes his/her commitment to the mentorship relationship and what type of role s/he will play during your involvement in this program. Suggestions for the role a research mentor could provide can be found [by clicking this NIH link](#).
 - Include a letter of support from your Community Partner describing the work that you have done together and their commitment towards being a future long term community research partner.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee with representation from the 5 UMass campuses.

Please submit all application components to CommunityEngagement@umassmed.edu by November 1, 2016.

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