

# UW Medicine

## INNOVATION GRANT GUIDELINES

*Spring, 2021*



### **OPPORTUNITY**

The Garvey Institute for Brain Health Solutions Innovation Grants aim to provide funding for innovative, new ideas that have the potential to make a substantial impact on brain health through research, education, patient care and/or advocacy. The idea must help advance the Institute's goals to improve brain health at a population level, and we will prioritize ideas that can be rapidly translated into clinical care and/or improvement.

### **AREA OF FOCUS**

For the current round of funding, we are looking for innovative uses of technology that have potential to improve access to behavioral health care. Funding could be used for a clinical application, research feasibility study, teaching initiative or policy/advocacy project. We welcome proposals that address our initial areas of focus (cognitive aging, addictions and the effects of physical and/or emotional trauma on the brain) as well as other behavioral health conditions.

### **REVIEW CRITERIA**

Proposals will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Likelihood the project will help advance the Institute's goals to improve brain health at a population level (i.e. significance and impact)
- Approach, innovation and feasibility of the idea
- Qualifications of the project team and strength of collaborations
- Appropriateness of the budget
- Potential to generate additional funding / resources

### **FUNDING**

GIBHS Innovation Grants are one-year awards intended to generate initial results that can help generate additional funding and/or resources. Awards will be given up to \$100,000, though we will consider larger amounts in exceptional circumstances.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

UW Faculty and Fellows (if permitted by their school and department and supported by a faculty member) are eligible to apply as Project Lead. Fellows with an acting instructor title and Junior Faculty should identify and apply with a Supporting Faculty Mentor. We strongly encourage applicants and collaborations from investigators in different units across UW. Individuals not affiliated with the University of Washington are not eligible to apply.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

### *Letters of Intent*

LOIs should highlight the innovative nature, potential impact and timeliness of the project as well as the potential to generate additional funding / resources. For this round of funding, Letters of Intent will be due February 26, 2021. The applicant may then be asked to provide additional information or address particular areas of concern in a full proposal. See the **GIBHS Innovation Grant Letter of Intent** for full submission details.

### *Request for Proposals*

We will accept full proposals **by request only**. Proposals are not submitted through the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), and an eGC1 form is not required. Animal Care Committee and Human Subjects Committee approval is not required prior to submission but will be required if appropriate prior to award of funds. For this round of funding, full proposals will be due May 3, 2021.

Proposals will be reviewed by a workgroup of UW faculty experts knowledgeable in the general area of the proposal. External *ad hoc* reviewers may also be solicited. Applicants will be able to suggest up to two members of the review committee who are not directly involved in the proposed project. See the **GIBHS Innovation Grant Request for Proposal** for full submission details, including review criteria.

## ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

Projects will be funded for 12 months from the date the budget is set up, and no-cost extensions for up to 12 months are possible with approval from the GIBHS Scientific Director. The Project Lead is responsible for the proper administration of funds. Each award will be given a UW budget number and budgets will be made available on the UW's My Financial Desktop. Revenue fund transfers are not allowed to other budgets and all spending should be done in accordance with University of Washington and State of Washington policies and procedures. GIBHS will not assume fiscal responsibility for over-expended budgets and any overages must be transferred to the home department/school of the Project Lead before end date of project.

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Innovation Grant recipients agree to provide a six-month progress report and a final progress report and budget reconciliation due within 60 calendar days following the end of the funding period. See the **Progress Report template** and **Final Report template** for more details.

## DISSEMINATION OF FINDINGS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING SOURCE

Innovation Grant recipients agree to present their work at a GIBHS-sponsored event (e.g. symposia, brown bag presentations, webinars, conferences). If a publication or presentation results directly or indirectly from work related to the Innovation Grant, it should carry an acknowledgement of funding and support from the Garvey Institute for Brain Health Solutions at UW Medicine.

Please email [gibhs@uw.edu](mailto:gibhs@uw.edu) if you have any questions.