

UW Medicine

INNOVATION GRANT GUIDELINES

Fall, 2023

OPPORTUNITY

The Garvey Institute for Brain Health Solutions Innovation Grants aim to provide funding for new ideas that have the potential to improve brain health through research, education, patient care and/or advocacy. We will prioritize ideas that have the potential for substantial impact at a population level and can be sustained beyond the grant funding period. Examples of funded projects can be found here:

<https://gibhs.psychiatry.uw.edu/current-projects/>

AREA OF FOCUS

For the current round of funding, we are looking for projects that will develop and test innovative **partnerships that extend the impact of mental health professionals in Washington State**. We will accept proposals designed around any of the following areas of focus:

1. Partnering with family members or caregivers to support the mental health care of their loved ones, and/or efforts that support the mental health of family members or caregivers themselves. We will prioritize projects that involve family or caregiver engagement as part of a patient's healthcare team.
2. Partnering with community-based organizations that offer supported housing to individuals living with mental health and/or addiction problems.
3. Partnering with law enforcement professionals to improve the care of individuals experiencing a mental health and/or addiction crisis. Projects must focus on services before detainment.
4. Additional innovative partnerships extending the impact of mental health professionals in Washington State will be considered.

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, strength of collaborations and innovation of partnership
- Appropriateness of the budget
- Potential to generate additional funding / resources
- Likelihood of sustainability beyond grant funding

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 affiliated with organizations outside of the University of Washington may apply with a University of Washington affiliated researcher as a Project Lead.

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 **August 31, 2023**. 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 **October 13, 2023**.

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. See the [GIBHS Innovation Grant Request for Proposal](#) for full submission details, including review criteria.

Clinical Trials Consultation and Technical Assistance Program (C-TAP)

[C-TAP](#) is a service within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences that supports researchers in conducting clinical trials by providing technical assistance and consultation from experienced faculty and staff. **Innovation Grant applicants are eligible for up to three hours of no-cost consultation while preparing their proposals.** Example services include study planning and design consultation, implementation planning and troubleshooting assistance, and dissemination guidance. C-TAP members are most experienced with clinical intervention trials, but can consult on any study involving human subjects research.

Innovation Grant applicants asked to submit a full proposal may budget for C-TAP services at \$500 for the first three hours and \$100/hour for additional services. This expense should be written into the applicant's proposed budget.

Please contact ctap@uw.edu with questions or to request a consultation.

ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

Projects will be funded for 12 months from the date the budget is set up. In rare instances and with proper justification, no-cost extensions for up to 12 months are possible with approval from the GIBHS Director. The Project Lead is responsible for the proper administration of funds.

Innovation Grants must route through a University of Washington department budget (i.e., not through a partner organization such as Seattle Children's, VA Puget Sound, or a non-profit organization). Once awarded, funds may be dispersed to other organizations via sub-contracts or other acceptable methods of transfer in accordance with University of Washington guidelines. Revenue fund transfers are not allowed to other UW budgets. 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 the 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.

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 if you have any questions.