



Implementation science methodologies to inform
chronic disease advocacy, research, and education

Request for Pilot Grant Applications

Program Overview

The I-CARE Program mission is to innovate health care by developing, implementing, evaluating, and disseminating evidence-based clinical practices that improve the quality and value of care for patients with chronic diseases. To support this mission, we provide pilot funding to the following individuals who are a part of University of Chicago Biological Sciences Division (BSD) and Medical Center:

- Students, trainees, frontline clinical staff, clinicians, and researchers new to the field of implementation science and/or quality improvement
- Established clinicians and researchers already engaged in implementation science and/or quality improvement for projects that are distinct from ongoing funded research projects/programs
- Established clinicians and researchers in other areas of expertise who wish to conduct implementation science research and/or quality improvement

We invite applications for collaborative and interdisciplinary/inter-professional pilot projects focused on implementation science and related fields, including quality improvement science, dissemination science, healthcare delivery, healthcare systems, as well as human-centered design and human factors research.

Funding Levels

Individuals seeking funding may apply for a **Mini**, **Small Seed**, or **Large Seed** grant based on eligibility detailed below. Individuals and project teams are permitted to submit only one proposal during each grant cycle. Applications are submitted to REDCap for both [Mini Grants](#) and [Seed Grants](#).

Funding opportunity	Funding amount	Eligible applicants	# awarded grants per cycle	Grant cycle
Mini Grant	Up to \$5,000	Students; Trainees; Clinical staff; Early career clinicians or researchers**	Varies	Applications reviewed quarterly*
Small Seed Grant	Up to \$10,000	Trainees; Clinical staff; Clinicians or Researchers at any career stage	Up to 5	Annual
Large Seed Grant	Up to \$25,000	Trainees; Clinical staff; Clinicians or Researchers at any career stage	0-1	Annual

*Check website for deadlines; **Early Career Researchers include Clinical Associate, Instructor, Assistant Professor

Eligibility Criteria

University of Chicago (BSD or Medical Center) students, trainees, frontline clinical staff, and early-career clinicians and researchers associated may apply for Mini Grants. University of Chicago frontline clinical staff, clinicians, and researchers at any career stage may apply for Small/Large Seed grants.

All applications must include a faculty or staff member who will serve as a Principal Investigator (PI) or project supervisor. Click [here](#) for more details on PI eligibility. Individuals who do not have the appropriate faculty appointment and/or PI status may collaborate with a faculty member (sponsor) to apply for a Mini, Small Seed, or Large Seed Grant. If needed, the I-CARE Program may be able to assist with identifying the right sponsor for their project.

Ethical Approval: All funded projects **must** have [IRB approval](#), [QI determination](#), or equivalent ethical approval before funding can be awarded. We highly recommend submitting your proposed project for ethical approval before or at the time of submitting the I-CARE Program funding proposal to avoid/minimize delays.

I-CARE Program Website: <https://voices.uchicago.edu/icareprogram/>
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