



SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (SWCOEH)

New Announcement to Fund Short-Term High-Impact Research in Occupational Safety and Health Proposals Due May 1, 2018

The SWCOEH (www.swcoeh.org) sponsors a Pilot/Small Projects Research Training Program to improve workplace health and safety. The SWCOEH is a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Education and Research Center at the UTHealth School of Public Health (Grant No. T42 OH008421). The goal of this program is to provide support to new investigators and attract established investigators to the field of occupational health and safety, ultimately leading to new externally-funded research. Project Principal Investigators should be full-time faculty or doctoral students within Public Health Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas).

Detailed information on the application procedures, deadline for applications, and application forms are available at the SWCOEH Pilot Project website:

<https://sph.uth.tmc.edu/research/centers/swcoeh/pilot-projects/>.

NOTE THAT FOR THIS SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

Submissions that do not follow these specific requirements will not be considered.

Availability/Use of Funds: Approximately \$50,000 is available in the upcoming 2018-2019 fiscal year, ending on June 30, 2019, to fund up to 5 short-term, high impact research projects. The maximum amount awarded to a single project will be \$10,000. Faculty trained in areas other than occupational health research who wish to apply their expertise to an occupational safety and health issue ("new faculty investigators") may apply for projects with a budget up to \$20,000. Awards are made competitively and on a one-time basis for a maximum of one year (**with funding to end on 6/30/2019**) without possibility of renewal. Funding is contingent upon NIOSH's notice of renewal award to the SWCOEH for the corresponding fiscal year.

Funding is designed to directly support the implementation of the research plan. All applicants are encouraged to request that their institutions waive indirect cost requirements. Should indirect cost requirements not be waived, the program will only support up to 8% of the direct costs.

Programmatic Interest: All proposed projects must be relevant to the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) of NIOSH (see <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/programs>). Projects not addressing NORA goals and objectives will cause the application to be determined non-responsive, and will not be reviewed further.

Key Dates: A Letter of Intent is required by email **by April 6, 2018**. The letter must describe the objectives of the proposed research and which areas of occupational safety and health it addresses. The requested receipt date for proposals is **May 1, 2018**. Send the completed application by email to PilotProjects@uth.tmc.edu. Awards will be announced in June 2018.

Contact: For additional administrative information, contact Peggy Weinshilbom, Program Coordinator, by E-mail at PilotProjects@uth.tmc.edu or by phone at 713-500-9479. For programmatic and content-related information, contact Dr. David Douphrate, Program Director of the Pilot Projects Research Training Program, preferably by E-mail at David.I.Douphrate@uth.tmc.edu or by phone at 210-276-9005.

We would appreciate you forwarding this announcement (enclosed attachment) to all appropriate personnel at your organization. Thank you very much for your assistance and we look forward to receiving your applications.