

2027-28 Pilot Project – Proposal Development (PP-PD) Awards: Request for Letters of Intent (LOIs)

Program Goals and Award

The primary goal of the Pilot Project – Proposal Development (PP-PD) funding mechanism is to support biomedical investigators at PUIs who are ready to write or are writing an independent, multi-year grant proposal. To meet this goal, the program is requesting requests for Letters of Intent (LOIs) for PP-PD awards to begin on **May 1, 2027**. PP-PD awardees are expected to be well-positioned to write a multi-year proposal. Funds may be used to support activities that will result in submitting an extramural grant application during the year of the PP-PD award. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 per year in direct costs for one year. Applicants must identify an experienced research investigator with extramural grant success who can serve as a scientific mentor during proposal preparation.

Eligibility

Applicants must hold a tenure-track or tenured position of any rank at any RI-INBRE network institution. Applicants cannot receive simultaneous funding from another NIGMS IDEa program, e.g. COBRE or Advance-CTR. Please consult your institution's RI-INBRE Executive Committee Representative for additional eligibility information (<https://web.uri.edu/riinbre/team>). **Note:** we regrettably cannot accept human subjects proposals that require IRB approval this funding cycle. We are actively working to build IDEa capacity to support these proposals in future funding cycles.

Instructions

Please use the Letter of Intent (LOI) form to register your intention to submit a full proposal. Please limit your submission to one page. References (not required for the LOI) do not count toward the page limit. Applicants should use 11pt Arial font and should not modify the RI-INBRE logo or the margins of the form. A font size of 9pt may be used for figure legends. A detailed description of your proposed project is not necessary, but you should provide enough detail that reviewers can evaluate the importance of your question and how your approach will address the question. In your LOI, please describe the following:

- **Proposal Overview:** Briefly describe the rationale for the project, the specific aims of the proposed research, and the approach to be used. Applicants should also describe why they are ready to write a multi-year extramural grant application.
- **Impact:** Briefly describe the potential impact (likelihood the project will exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field) of this study and how funding would develop the biomedical research infrastructure at your institution and in Rhode Island.

Submission

Submit LOIs at <https://tinyurl.com/RI-INBRE-LOI-2027-28> by 11:59pm **Tuesday September 15, 2026**. Applicants will be notified by **Thursday September 17, 2026** whether they have been invited to submit full proposals. Full proposals will be due by 11:59pm **Wednesday December 2, 2026**.

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