

Recovery Research Institute

Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School



OVERVIEW:

This pilot study mechanism is funded by an R24 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (R24DA051988).

The goal of this pilot study mechanism is to stimulate and support new research on delivering recovery support to persons seeking or in recovery from a substance use disorder via recovery community centers and research that advances the science to that end.

THE AWARD:

- Up to \$30,000 per award
- Approximately 3 awarded per year
- Covers direct costs of the study (e.g., data collection activities, equipment, research assistant support)

ELEGIBILITY:

- Your proposed project must address the role of recovery community centers in supporting persons who were or who are in or seeking recovery from a substance use disorder **or** advance the science to this end (including but not limited to: perceptions around MOUDs, linkages from clinical sites to RCCs, etc.). Studies focusing on persons who are or have been maintained on medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) are particularly encouraged.
- You may be a faculty member, research scientist, post-doctoral research scholar or graduate student from any academic or health care institution in the United States. Black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) are especially encouraged to apply.

- You must document how you will share your findings (e.g., conference presentations, clinicaltrials.gov registration, published papers, etc.) and allow the findings from your pilot work to be shared by the funding agency through the Recovery Research Institute website at recoveryanswers.org.

PROCESS:

Letter of Intent:

- First, please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) that includes the following information:
 - Title
 - Name of investigator, email, phone, position title, department/division, and school/institution
 - Abstract (350 words max.)
 - Brief timeline summary (150 words max.)
 - Brief budget summary (150 words max.)
 - Explanation of how the proposal address the role of recovery community centers in supporting persons who were or who are in or seeking recovery from a substance use disorder or advance the science to this end (200 words max.)
- Please download the LOI template found on the Pilot Funding landing page: <https://scholar.harvard.edu/bettina.hoeppner/funding-pilot-studies>.
- LOIs will be undergoing a competitive peer review process to determine if a full application can be invited. Invitation to submit a full application does not guarantee funding.
- You will be notified via email when a decision is made regarding your LOI application. We expect to notify you one month after the application deadline.
- There are three LOI application deadlines per year:
 - **Cycle 1:** April 1st at 5:00 PM EST (typically February 1st at 5:00 PM EST)
 - **Cycle 2:** June 1st at 5:00 PM EST
 - **Cycle 3:** October 1st at 5:00 PM EST
- Please submit applications to:
Hazel Simpson
Clinical Research Coordinator
Recovery Research Institute

recoverseminars@mgh.harvard.edu

Full Application (by invitation):

- If your Letter of Intent is approved, you will be invited to submit a full proposal that contains the following information (maximum of five pages):
 - Title of proposed project
 - Name of investigator(s), degrees, position titles, mailing addresses, and department/school
 - Phone number and email
 - Statement on Human Subjects / IRB
 - Detailed and clear project proposal that addresses the following points:
 - Aims / goals of the project
 - Why this work is important
 - Relevant background information
 - Methods and target population
 - Expected results
 - Timeline of proposed project (figure + 200 words max)
 - Type of deliverable product to come out of project (e.g., presentation of findings at national conferences, publication of manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, preparation of larger grant proposals).
 - Note: you must document how you will share your findings with the field and agree to share your findings with us in some capacity through our website
- Please include the following information as appendices (this does not contribute to the 5-page limit):
 - Key personnel/collaborators: Most recent CV or NIH biosketch
 - Bibliography: complete list of cited literature
 - Detailed budget and justification
- Please submit all of the above information in a single PDF.
- There are three application deadlines for the final proposal per year:
 - **Cycle 1:** June 1st at 5:00 PM EST (typically April 1st, 2021 at 5:00 PM EST)
 - **Cycle 2:** August 1st, 2021 at 5:00 PM EST
 - **Cycle 3:** December 1st, 2022 at 5:00 PM EST

- You will be notified via email when a decision is made regarding your application. We expect to notify you two months after the application deadline.
- Please submit applications to:
 - Hazel Simpson
 - Clinical Research Coordinator
 - Recovery Research Institute
 - recoverseminars@mgh.harvard.edu