



**INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANT REQUEST FOR PRE-  
PROPOSALS**  
**Deadline for Pre-Proposals February 1, 2008**

**Objective:** FOR HER (Focused on Resources for her Health, Education and Research) and the Office for Research and Biotechnology have made funds available for an **interdisciplinary** faculty research seed grant program. This program is intended to provide seed funding for **interdisciplinary projects in the field of women's health** that are to become self-supporting through extramural sponsorship. A **requirement** of the program is that it must be multi-school in nature, i.e., faculty from at least two (2) of the four UNTHSC schools must be investigators. It is expected that each award granted will result in an extramural proposal submission.

**Award amount:** Two grants in the amount of \$50,000 each will be awarded in this program.

**Who can apply:** Any team of faculty members which is eligible to apply for external support may submit a proposal. As noted above, a minimum of two faculty members from different schools must serve as investigators on the proposal. Because only two grants will be awarded, a faculty member may serve as an Investigator on only one submitted proposal.

**Research Areas:** Women's Health. Specific areas of interest include birth outcomes, cancer, aging, obesity, cardiovascular disease, infectious diseases, and health disparities.

**Funding Priorities:** This is a seed program. Thus, those proposals judged to be most likely to result in extramural funding will be given highest priority. Specific review criteria are listed below.

**Proposal Submission Process:** Because only two proposals can be funded in this year's program, the UNTHSC Research Advisory Council (RAC) and FOR HER has instituted a **PRE-PROPOSAL** process. Instructions for preparation of the pre-proposal, and the pre-proposal form, are found below. Those pre-proposals judged by RAC and FOR HER to be most meritorious will be selected for full proposal submission. The overriding criteria will be likelihood that the internal award will be successfully converted into an extramural award; the interdisciplinary nature of the proposal must also be evident. Within that context, pre-proposals will be judged using the following criteria: 1) scientific merit, including originality and impact of the research on its field, technical soundness, merits of the interdisciplinary approach, research design; 2) qualifications and/or demonstrated potential of the investigators; 3) adequacy of facilities and resources; and 4) soundness of extramural funding plan.

Pre-proposals that are selected for full submission will be reviewed by the FOR HER executive committee and the UNTHSC Intramural Research Committee, which consists of faculty reviewers from at least three of the four UNTHSC schools. Instructions for preparation of a full proposal will be posted on the Research Office website.

The following items must be addressed in your pre-proposal (format provided below):

**1. PROJECT SUMMARY:** Provide an overall summary of the proposal. This should include a description of the problem or issue to be addressed, the hypothesis or goal of the proposal, and a brief description of the methodological approach. **This summary must not exceed 300 words.**

**2. INVESTIGATORS:** Provide a description of the role and percent effort of the Principal Investigator, the Co-Principal Investigator and any additional key research staff, as applicable.

Include a description of the experience of the key investigators. **This paragraph must not exceed 200 words.**

**3. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES:** Provide a description of the resources available to the project. This should include a description of available laboratory space, necessary laboratory equipment and/or instrumentation, patient base, high-speed computing resources if needed, etc. **This paragraph must not exceed 100 words.**

**4. PLAN FOR EXTRAMURAL FUNDING:** Describe potential mechanisms to convert these funds into extramural grant support. For example, is there an existing NIH Program Announcement (PA) or Request for Proposals (RFA) to which your proposal would be directly responsive? Has the proposal been previously submitted to an external agency but declined for funding due to issues that could be addressed through this internal mechanism? **This paragraph must not exceed 100 words**

**KEY DATES:**

- Pre-proposal submission deadline: **February 1, 2008**
- Notice of selection for full proposal submission: **February 16, 2008**
- Full proposal submission deadline: **March 14, 2008**
- Award activation: **May 1, 2008**
- Award period: **May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009**

**SUBMISSION:** Pre-proposals **must be submitted electronically** ([pbarbaro@hsc.unt.edu](mailto:pbarbaro@hsc.unt.edu)). Hardcopy pre-proposals will not be accepted.