

## **Rice University and UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing IoT and Aging in Place Joint Seed Grant Program**

### **Proposal timeline for the 2020-2021**

- Rice University and the UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing announce a joint IoT and Aging-In-Place seed grant program.
- Applications are due **April 10, 2020 5pm, CST**.
- Submit your completed application to Bonnie Ladner at: [Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu) . Please request a return receipt to ensure that we received your application. The subject line should contain: "2020 Aging-In-Place Seed Fund Application".

### **Fund information:**

- It is expected that 3 seed grants will be awarded in 2020. The awards will be announced by May 1, 2020. The awards will start June 12, 2020 and end on June 11, 2021 with an interim project report due date of December 14, 2020 and a final report date due on August 13, 2021.
- The total amount requested in a given proposal cannot exceed \$30,000 in direct costs. Facilities and administrative costs (F&A) are not permitted. All proposals must have a planned duration not to exceed 12 months (June 12, 2020 – June 11, 2021).
- All cost extensions beyond June 11, 2021 will require permission and rationale before May 1, 2021. Please send these requests along with an amended budget and rationale to Bonnie Ladner at [Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu).

### **Eligibility:**

- The Program aims to promote excellent collaborative and interdisciplinary research programs among clinicians/researchers from Rice University, UTHealth and the University of Houston. Emphasis of the program is placed on developing new collaborations, but proposals for existing collaborations will also be considered.
- The seed grants should lead to self-sustaining, nationally competitive research programs that will address critically important aging-in-place health problems. It is expected that recipients of the seed grants will submit an extramural grant application related to the seed grant and present at a future symposium.
- The principal investigators (co-PIs) must be PI eligible from the respective institutions. At least one of the co-PIs must be from Rice or UTHealth. At least one nursing faculty must be a member of the grant team. The grant teams must be interdisciplinary and can be as large as needed.
- Each application must propose innovative research in an aging-in-place and technology-related area that is best conducted across institutional boundaries.

- Proposals must have strong potential for sustainability beyond the duration of the seed grant via competitive funding sources.

### **Review criteria:**

- Review of proposals for the IoT and Aging-in-Place fund will be conducted by a review panel which will evaluate proposals based on: scientific merit, strength of interdisciplinary collaboration, and probability of sustaining the collaboration through subsequent competitive, peer-reviewed funding.

### **How to apply:**

Applications should be single-spaced, with Arial 11 pt font and 1" margins all the way around. The proposal should include: 1) specific aims (maximum one page); 2) research strategy (maximum three pages); 3) collaboration and interaction plan (maximum one page); and 4) extramural funding plan (maximum one page). References cited do not count against the above page limits.

- Proposals must include a face page containing the title of the proposal, name of PI or co-PIs, their affiliations, email addresses, and two abstracts (each with a 250-word limit). One abstract should represent a standard technical abstract that normally accompanies a NIH or NSF grant. The other abstract should be written for a "lay person" and should clearly describe, with minimal use of scientific/technical jargon, the health problem(s) being investigated, the methodological approaches that will be pursued, and the potential outcomes of the research.
- Abbreviated CVs (maximum five pages) or standard NIH or NSF Biosketches should be included for PI(s) and research team.
- A line item budget and budget justification should be included, with total direct costs of up to \$30,000. No indirect costs (i.e., F&A) are allowed.
- No administrative/clerical costs (i.e. admin/clerical salary support).
- No capital equipment.
- No more than 10% of the budget can be devoted to travel.
- Salary for the Rice faculty are not permitted.
- Applications should be submitted as a single pdf file, via email, to Bonnie Ladner at: [Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu) with the subject line: 2020 Aging-In-Place Seed Fund Application.
- IRB approval is required before funding is released.
- For questions, please contact Bonnie Ladner at [Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Bonnie.L.Sandoval@uth.tmc.edu).