DOIM Seed Grant Program

Purpose
1. To assist DOIM faculty to pursue scholarly activity
2. To encourage comparative effectiveness research that uses existing databases or creates new databases
3. To encourage research with learners (medical students, residents, fellows, and graduate students)
4. To encourage pilot studies that will be competitive for extramural funding

Eligibility
All DOIM faculty (full-time or part-time)

Application and Awards Process
1. Awards will be funded on a rolling basis. Decisions about funding will be made within one month of proposal submission.
2. Awards are limited to $10,000/year.
3. Budget may not include faculty salary; budget may include expenditures for statistical and/or epidemiologic support, survey design, programming, data entry, specimen collection, laboratory supplies, enrollee incentives, travel and other expenses used to directly support the project; indirect costs and expenditures for travel to present findings at meetings may not be included.
4. Applicants must submit a short written description of the project including significance, specific aims, methods, data analysis, timeline for completing the project, budget, and NIH biosketch for investigators. The proposal description is limited to a maximum of 4 pages (limit does not apply to budget or NIH biosketches) and must be submitted electronically.
5. DOIM Research Committee will judge proposals on basis of scientific merit. Priority will be given to:
   a. new investigators (within 5 years of initial academic appointment)
   b. projects in comparative effectiveness research
   c. projects that study educational innovations, methodologies or effectiveness
   d. projects that involve a learner as co-investigator
   e. projects that include collaboration and mentorship
   f. projects that will enhance an investigator’s competitiveness for extramural funding
6. Budget must be spent within 12 months of funding; any unused budget will be returned to the department; under certain circumstances, awardees may apply for an extension with an appropriate progress report
7. Awardees must submit a written report at the end of funding period (12 months) to include summary of results; presentations or publication of results; and planned follow-up research.
8. Awardees are expected to present the results of their project at a Departmental Research forum.
9. Interested investigators have the option to present a one page summary of proposed projects for pre-review to the Committee. Submission for pre-review does not guarantee that the project will be awarded.
10. Appropriate IRB approval should be obtained but is not required at the time of submission.
11. Questions about the submission and award process may be submitted to Marisa Sanchez at MarSanchez@salud.unm.edu

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