

## DOIM Innovation Grant Program

### Purpose

1. To assist DOIM junior faculty to pursue scholarly activity.
2. To encourage comparative effectiveness research using existing databases or 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). Preference will be given to junior faculty. This grant mechanism is not for accomplished investigators who have had a funded competitive grant award in the past. The purpose is to provide a simple mechanism to help the young investigator obtain pilot data to be able to apply for a competitive external grant. Applicants with projects judged to be competitive for CTSC or RAC grants will be encouraged to apply for those grants.

### Application and Awards Process

1. Awards will be funded on a rolling basis. Decisions will be made within 1 month of submission.
2. Awards are limited to \$10,000/year.
3. Budget may not include indirect costs, faculty salary, or education of faculty; 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; expenditures for travel to present findings at meetings are not permitted. DoIM educational support funds should be used for this purpose.
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. faculty who are Clinician Educators.
  - c. faculty who are not currently funded.
  - d. projects in comparative effectiveness research.
  - e. projects that study educational innovations, methodologies or effectiveness.
  - f. projects that involve one or more learners as co-investigator.
  - g. projects that include collaboration and mentorship.
  - h. 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 award.
10. Appropriate IRB approval should be obtained but is not required at the time of submission.
11. Questions should be submitted to Marisa Sanchez at [MarSanchez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:MarSanchez@salud.unm.edu)