UNTHSC INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHY AGING

Pilot/Seed Grants for Collaborative Research in Aging and Related Diseases

Purpose: To support collaborative basic, pre-clinical or clinical research projects relevant to improvement of health during aging. Projects focused on the interaction of aging with injury and disease, diagnosis and prevention, and recovery of function are encouraged. Collaborations may involve different centers within the Institute for Healthy Aging (IHA), or interactions of IHA faculty with another institute/department. Potential projects include, but are not limited to: pilot and/or feasibility studies; small, self-contained research projects; projects aimed at development of research methodology, diagnostics or models. Projects utilizing existing databases such as TARCC or HABLE are encouraged. Special budget considerations may be given to projects involving human subjects.

Eligibility Criteria: Faculty applying for this grant must be full-time employees of UNTHSC.

Key Dates:

Application Due Date: June 6, 2016; extended to June 10, 2016 Earliest Possible Start Date: July 1, 2016

Application and Submission Information:

Applicants should include the following components in their application:

- a) Summary/Abstract (1 page)
- b) Specific Aims (1 page)
- c) Research Strategy (5 pages, include significance, innovation)
- d) Sustainability plan (1 page) (An explanation of how the results from the project proposed will facilitate development and funding of an extramurally funded program or study.
- e) References (no page limit)
- f) Budget (maximum of \$33,500, 1 page)
- g) Budget justification (1 page, include other funding sources that enhance feasibility)
- h) Statement of available resources (1 page)
- i) NIH-style Biosketches of all key personnel

Format: Please use 0.5 inch margins and Arial font (size: 11 point) for items a – h. Please submit application as a <u>single PDF</u> document to: <u>Michael.Forster@unthsc.edu</u>

Application Review Information:

Applications will be reviewed internally by the IHA Executive Committee. It is anticipated that up to three projects may be funded, although budgetary needs of specific projects will be considered. Significance, Investigator(s), Innovation, Approach, Environment and Sustainability will be considered in evaluating each project. Grant applications recommended for funding must provide verification of IACUC/IRB approval (as applicable), prior to release of funds.