

Instructions for SCORE grant submissions, Brooklyn College

Spring 2013 addendum:

- There is one more deadline authorized for the SCORE program, Sept 25, 2013. (We expect a renewal for 2014, but it is dependent on processes at NIH.)
- There is new institutional eligibility language. We hope to know in July that we remain eligible.
- Each institution is allowed 20 total applications + funded projects at any one time. We expect to be able to submit renewals AND 2-3 NEW projects and for the September deadline.

We have an extensive pre-submission review process, which ensures timely submission of high-quality proposals and subsequently a high funding rate. The system is based on early submission of a brief pre-proposal, outside review, pre-proposal selection, preparation of the full proposal, re-review, and editing by the SCORE PD before submission.

Read the Program Announcements!!!

- Any research area fundable by any Institute or Center at NIH is allowable.
- Pay attention to the requirement for a PI career development plan.
- Co-PI's are not allowed.
- Grants are reviewed by a SCORE-specific study section, not a regular NIH study section.

There are three Programs:

1. SC1: Large 4 year grants, renewable once; to take an active research project to R01-level competitiveness. The suggested support levels are \$150,000-\$250,000 per year. NIH anticipates that only 20-30 of these will be funded nationwide annually. This is high level funding for folks with high level productivity, pre-R01; [\[link\]](#)
2. SC2: Non-renewable Pilot grants of \$100,000 per year for three years. This support is for equipping a lab, getting preliminary data, and developing new projects. This pilot grant is best for funding new faculty and faculty changing fields; [\[link\]](#)
3. SC3: A 4-year renewable research maintenance grants like an AREA grant of \$75,000 per year. This type of proposal is for people with moderate publication records, who need funding to maintain an active research program. [\[link\]](#)

Pre-proposal instructions:

Due June 3, 2013! Please submit a hard copy to peter Lipke (Biology Dept) and pdf's to plipke@brooklyn.cuny.edu and jmandel@brooklyn.cuny.edu

Prepare your pre-proposal BEFORE the deadline. All page limits are single spaced, in Arial font, 11 point or larger

- a. 1 page Specific Aims section, which must contain
 - i. the reason that this research is needed for health in the U.S.
 - ii. a statement of the Central Hypothesis to be tested

- iii. a justification of the PI's suitability for this work
- iv. 2-3 specific experimental aims based on individual working hypotheses
- v. a section summarizing the benefits of this research in terms of
 - 1. advancing treatment of specific health conditions or theory of biomedical research
 - 2. specific career advancement goals for the PI.
- b. A 4 page proposal including
 - i. **Significance** of the proposed research for health care or biomedical science (1/2 page maximum)
 - ii. **Innovativeness** of the proposal (1/2 page maximum)
 - iii. **Approach** (the old experimental design section) outlining
 - 1. the key experiments to be done
 - 2. preliminary data to support the feasibility of the experiments, if any
 - 3. interpretation of the results of each experiment, and their impact on the working hypothesis and central hypothesis
 - 4. Achievements of previous funding
- c. A short bibliography (one page maximum, titles included)
- d. An NIH-style Biosketch [link]
- e. A list of potential reviewers who can give you a solid critique of your proposal. You may also exclude potential reviewers.
- f. If possible, the name and contact information for a "grant shepherd" who will help you to get reviews, interpret the critiques, help edit, and get a free lunch if you are funded

After your pre-proposals are submitted, we will send it out for review to some reviewers who are on your list and some not on your list.

The pre-proposal and the reviews will be sent to the BC SCORE Program External Advisors, who will rank the proposals and select those to be submitted

Those invited to submit will:

Write a full proposal BEFORE the deadline

Write a letter to the PD explaining how the proposal has been changed to meet the reviewers' comments and

Make an appointment with ORSP to develop a budget, go over forms and etc., etc., etc

Each proposal will be re-reviewed to assure quality. A proposal judged "not ready" may be postponed to the next deadline.

Follow these procedures to the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow