

**FY24 Small Grants Program
Instructions and Grant Application Form**

Instructions

Grant proposals should clearly and concisely describe a project whose scope is matched to the duration and amount of funding. If an NIH Research Project Grant (R01) on a similar topic has been submitted, the rationale for Center funding should be clearly articulated.

The application should be completed and assembled in this order, observing the following limits:

1. **Face Page:**
2. **Abstract Page:** 250-word limit
3. **Budget Page for Year 1 and Year 2:** Not to exceed \$50,000 per year. Funding for graduate students is allowed, but only with compelling justification and may not exceed 50% effort per year. Postdoc applications requesting funding may not exceed 50% of their effort. Funding for faculty is prohibited.
4. **Budget Justification Page:** NIH format
5. **Letter of Support:**
If applicant is a postdoc: the application must include a letter of support from their mentor stating they have permission to apply, that the project is driven by the postdoc and clarifying how the mentor will support this effort.
If the applicant is an Instructor or on a non-tenure track: the application must include a letter of support from the applicant's Department Head stating the department's commitment to the applicant's research career development at WU.
6. **Other Support Page:** NIH format
7. **Mission of the McDonnell Center:** Please state in 250 words or less how the proposed research fits within the Mission of the Center.
8. **Research Proposal:** NIH formatting similar to an R21/R03. Arial 11pt or larger, ½ inch margins, 1-page specific aims, 6 pages that cover Background, Significance, Innovation, Preliminary Data, Approach, Timeline
9. **References:** References are not included in the above page limit.
10. **Biographical Sketch:** NIH biosketch for the PI(s) and Co-I(s). Biosketches are not included in the above page limit.
11. **Appendices are not allowed.**

NOTE: Priority is given to those applicants who have not been recently funded by the center.

[Postdoc Applications FAQ](#)

***Please submit a PDF of this application to Carmen Horn at horn_c@wustl.edu
Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.***