

The **Developmental/Pilot Projects Program** of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies (CAS) started in 2019. The Program aims to support new and innovative interdisciplinary research relevant to the advancement of treatments for individuals with traumatic stress and addictions of all kinds.

Funding support is prioritized for:

- 1) Junior researchers, including post-docs, as well as established investigators new to translational addiction science; and
- 2) Research that is thematically aligned with the Center's focus on improving the lives of individuals and families living with trauma and addiction.

Budget: The maximum amount for the award can vary but cannot exceed 20,000 total costs. This is a one-year award and funds can only be carried forward one additional year with prior approval or authorization. It is expected that 3-4 proposals will be funded during FY 2024, depending on availability of funds.

Eligibility:

- The Principal Investigator must be a postdoctoral fellow, research scientist or NTT/TT faculty member. A multiple PI (MPI) structure is possible for pilot projects and is encouraged. The corresponding PI must be a Rutgers University faculty member.
- A minimum of one co-investigator must be based at Rutgers Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies.
- Proposals must involve an interdisciplinary collaboration between two or more between two or more Rutgers faculty, who must be from different departments, institutes, centers, or schools, and will work together to address a single research question.

Application Deadlines and Key Dates

September 30, 2023 – Letter of intent due. See details below.

October 20, 2023 – Selected applicants are invited to submit a full proposal. Specific details will be provided to invited applicants. Proposals will follow a typical NIH application format (Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Innovation, Approach).

November 21, 2023 – Full proposal due (4 pages maximum)

December 4, 2023 – Anticipated award notification.

Project Period: January 1, 2024– December 30, 2024 (project start date dependent on IRB approval and disbursement of funds).

Letter of Intent (LOI)

- The LOI should outline the research team, title of the proposal, and an explicit description about how the applicant meets the eligibility requirement.
- A Specific Aims page must also be included and should include sufficient detail so that CAS leadership team can assess whether the proposal would be considered responsive to the RFA.
- The LOI should be emailed to Dr. Margaret Swarbrick (swarbrma@rutgers.edu)