

The Wilmer Eye Institute and the Malone Center for Engineering in Healthcare are pleased to announce a joint call for proposals as part of the Malone Center Seed Grant Program. This new initiative will support collaborative research projects between Wilmer and Malone faculty. The goal is to both expand the research of existing collaborations, as well as create new partnerships which help advance the Wilmer and Malone Center missions.

Proposals are due by 11:59 pm on May 25. Seed grant applications must be submitted via email to [MaloneCenter@jhu.edu](mailto:MaloneCenter@jhu.edu) with subject line “Joint Seed Grant Application: PI 1 family name – PI 2 family name”, e.g. “Joint Seed Grant Application: Smith – Jones”

## ELIGIBILITY

- Proposals must be joint projects with at least one faculty from Wilmer and one faculty from Malone as co-PIs.
- An individual can participate as PI on no more than two proposals. There are no limitations to participation as Co-investigator or Consultant on other PIs’ proposals.

## AWARD INFORMATION

- Estimated 2-3 awards will be funded
- Budgets of \$25,000 and up to \$50,000 for full project duration
- Total project period may not exceed 2 years

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Scientific and technical merit of the proposal - feasibility of research plan, significance of the obtained results, and likelihood for successful completion of project
- Collaborations – establishing new collaborations and strengthening existing collaborations will be equally weighted
- Potential for attracting extramural funding – expectation of leading to at least one grant application to federal agencies, foundations, or private companies to continue or expand the research initiated under the seed grant

## PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals should be formatted as a single PDF file with 10 point or larger font, single line spacing, and 1 inch margins. Required sections include:

1. Cover Page (1 page limit)
  - Descriptive title of the proposed project
  - Principal investigator’s name, institutional and departmental affiliations, e-mail address, and phone numbers
  - List of Project Participants
  - One paragraph Project Summary
2. Project Description (3 page limit including figures and tables)
  - Specific Aims
  - Research Strategy
  - Anticipated impact of the project on the healthcare space, expected new or deeper collaborations with/among Wilmer and Malone Center affiliates, plans for project outcomes/tools which could be used in Wilmer and Malone, etc.

- If applicable, a list of potential submissions to federal agencies, foundations or industry that the proposed work would make possible and more likely to be funded. Include any relevant funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) and their respective links

3. References

4. PI biosketches

5. Budget and budget justification (1-2 pages)

- Cost sharing is welcomed
- Allowable expenses
  - Salaries and wages/fringe
  - Tuition
  - Student health coverage
  - Travel for collaborative meetings only. Limited to \$750 per year.
  - Research supplies
  - Human subjects research costs
- Unallowable expenses
  - Equipment
  - Foreign travel
  - Catering costs
  - Indirect costs

**Note:** Applicable Institutional Biohazard, Animal Care, Institutional Review Board (IRB), and Data Trust approvals must be obtained prior to funding and a copy of approved protocols must be forwarded to the Malone Center program administrator Vess Vassileva-Clarke at [vclarke@jhu.edu](mailto:vclarke@jhu.edu). Such approvals are needed before funds are released but are not required to submit an application.

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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Within 30 calendar days of the end of the grant period, funded PIs must provide a written report on the project results and expenditures. The project team may be requested to give a short project presentation at a selected Wilmer and/or Malone Center event.