

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



Injury Prevention Research Center *Pilot Grant Program* *Request for Proposals*

Center Objectives. The theme of the IPRC is the prevention and control of rural injuries. The goal of the Center is carried out through a series of research projects in the areas of prevention, acute care and rehabilitation of injuries.

Pilot Project Program Objectives. The primary objective of the pilot project grant program is to encourage the development of new injury control research projects and attract new investigators to the injury control field. The program emphasizes the development of new ideas from young investigators, either independently or in collaboration with an established investigator. The Injury Prevention Research Center is particularly interested in interdisciplinary pilot projects which concern injuries in rural contexts, however all injury prevention and control projects will be considered. Priority is given to pilot proposals that hold greatest potential for leading to a larger research proposal.

Eligibility. Any faculty member, sponsored staff or graduate student, or post-doc at The University of Iowa with an interest in injury control is encouraged to apply for the program. Researchers affiliated with other mid-west institutions who have an interest in injury prevention and control are also eligible to apply. Young investigators, such as students, research associates, or instructors, are encouraged to apply together with more senior faculty members, but may apply independently as well.

Application Procedures. Applications will follow the general NIH guidelines for research proposals. The proposal should be organized as follows:

<u>Proposal Section</u>	<u>Page Limit</u>
Cover Page and Executive Summary (150 words)	1
Research Plan	(5 pages total for plan)
Specific Aims	
Background and Significance	
Preliminary Studies (if any)	
Experimental Design and Methods	
Utilization of Center Facilities	1
Potential for Future Grant	1
Support Budget and Justification	1-2
Schedule and Milestones	1-2
Biographical Sketch (PHS Form 398) for each Investigator	2 page max. for each



Twelve (12) copies of the proposal should be sent to Mr. John Lundell, IPRC Deputy Director, The University of Iowa, 202 IREH, Oakdale Research Campus, Iowa City, IA 52242.

Application and Award Dates. Applications must be received no later than *****. Projects will begin ***** and run for 12 months. Investigators are strongly encouraged to initiate the appropriate human subjects and animal care review processes as soon as possible. All investigators involved in the conduct of human subject or animal research must have received University-approved education offered by the UI's Human Subjects Office or at their institution.

Peer Review Process. The IPRC Executive Committee, with additional referees as needed, will evaluate each proposal according to the NIH priority score method using the following criteria: relevance to Center goals, scientific relevance and originality, validity and reliability of methods, qualifications of investigator(s), collaboration and utilization of Center cores/facilities, and the likelihood of future extramural funding. Members of the Executive Committee will not participate in the evaluation of applications submitted by them or when they are collaborators with another investigator.

Appeal Process. Investigators that believe an unfair or inaccurate peer evaluation process has occurred may submit a written appeal letter to the Center Director outlining specific concerns about the process. At the discretion of the Center Director, the appeal may be referred to outside consultants for an additional peer review. In this case, a revised priority score for the application will be determined by the special peer reviewers for further consideration during the next round of applications.

Funding Available. Pilot project grants will be generally limited to one year in length and a maximum cost of \$15,000 (direct) for each project. The IPRC expects to fund up to six proposals. Funding is available for the usual categories of cost in an NIH grant, such as salary and fringe for research assistants and graduate students, laboratory supplies, equipment, data analysis cost, travel associated with research (but not to attend professional meetings), and office expenses. Faculty salary support is not eligible under this pilot project program. The funding limitation is based on direct costs. No funds shall be spent for indirect costs.

For awards that address motor vehicle safety, additional funds for student GRA positions may be available through a partner grant in the College of Engineering. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact Mr. John Lundell or Dr. Corinne Peek-Asa.

Reporting Requirements. Each funded pilot project is required to submit a brief mid-year progress report and a final report. The mid-year and final reports shall be submitted according to instructions provided by the Center. Investigators are also asked to acknowledge IPRC funding sources in all publications and presentations, and to notify Mr. John Lundell, Deputy Director, of all publications, presentations, and subsequent grants related to the pilot work.

Contact Information. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Corinne Peek-Asa (335-4895) regarding scientific questions about the pilot grant program and Mr. John Lundell (335-4458) regarding budgetary and administrative procedures.