

# CRC Near-Miss Awards—Call For Proposals

## May 5, 2008 Deadline

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On June 12, 2006, the Research Policy Committee approved the CRC Near-Miss funding program. This program will provide up to \$15,000 for one year to investigators who have applied for external funding, but were not funded.

### Eligibility:

- A. Both established and unestablished investigators from Carbondale and Springfield campuses are eligible to submit CRC Near-Miss applications. A faculty member must be at the assistant professor level (including Research Assistant Professor but excluding Lecturer or Instructor) or above and hold a terminal degree appropriate for their area of expertise.
- B. To apply for CRC Near-Miss funding, an applicant must have already 1) submitted an original grant application with a budget of over \$50,000 budget to an external granting agency, and 2) received critiques and scores. The external granting agency must allow resubmission of a revised application.
- C. CRC proposals must be based on external applications with critiques dated within the **12-month** period prior to May 5, 2008.

### Guidelines for Financial Support:

- A. A maximum of budget of \$15,000 of budget can be requested from CRC Near-Miss funding.
- B. Salary support can be requested for postdocs, residents, researchers and graduate students. However, the CRC Near-Miss funding mechanism will not support the PI's salary.
- C. Guidelines for B to H under "Guidelines for Financial support" for CRC Regular funding also apply to CRC Near-Miss funding.

### Allocation Priorities:

- A. The applications will be evaluated and prioritized by the Near-Miss Funding Review Committee. This *ad hoc* committee will be appointed by Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs. The committee will be comprised of three faculty members who 1) have current NIH or other external funding or have received external funding from NIH or other agencies in the past, and 2) do not have a conflict of interest with regard to any of the submitted applications.
- B. All members of the *ad hoc* review committee will independently review all applications to determine which are most likely to use the funds to successfully address concerns raised in the critiques from the granting agency. Reviewers will be asked to rank-order applications and to provide a rationale for their ranking.
- C. The Allocation Committee will evaluate the recommendations of the *ad hoc* review committee. The funding decisions of the Allocation Committee are final.
- D. A second submission of the same application is not allowed under the CRC Near-Miss mechanism.

### Submission of Applications:

To apply for funding through this program, submit the following documents by email in PDF format to Nancy Austin [naustin@siumed.edu](mailto:naustin@siumed.edu) by 4:30 PM on **Monday, May 5, 2008**

- (1) the original application submitted to an external agency,
- (2) critiques and score from the external agency,
- (3) cover letter (limit to 2 pages) explaining how the PI will use CRC funds to address the concerns raised in the critique,

(4) a one-year itemized budget for a maximum of \$15,000.

You will be notified of the funding decision by approximately July 1, 2008. Reviewers' comments will not be provided.

If you are funded through this mechanism, you will be required to resubmit the application to the external agency within 12 months after receiving the CRC award. If the study receives external funding during the year of CRC support, remaining CRC money will be revert back to the ADRFA CRC fund. Any publications arising from work supported by CRC funds must acknowledge that support.

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Austin at [naustin@siumed.edu](mailto:naustin@siumed.edu) or call at 217-545-7936.

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