

Call for Proposals: CCN Collaborative Pilot Grant Program

The Center for Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience has been allocated funds from VP Welter's office to start a small "pilot grant" program within our Center. The purpose of the pilot grants is to foster new between-lab collaborations by members of our area of excellence. One important goal of this program is to provide critical seed funding that will allow new collaborative endeavors to result in the submission of larger extramural grant proposals.

Over the next two years the CCN will award funds for a number of one-year between-lab small pilot projects (maximum budget of \$10,000). Proposals can come from any current CCN member or affiliate but have to include at least one co-investigator from another lab within CCN. Proposals have to be for research fostering a new collaboration between at least two labs. In addition to the pilot project funding, we will also support graduate student research in the area of clinical and cognitive neuroscience and seek proposals for up to \$5,000 for one year to help fund dissertation research. Preference will be given for collaborative research, but this is not a requirement for student awards.

Proposals should be no more than two single spaced pages (excluding budget, budget justification, Biosketch and references) and must make a clear case for the collaborative nature of the research and for the potential of the project for follow-on external funding. A detailed one-page budget (with justification) and Biosketches (NSF or NIH format) for the PIs are also required (grad students can send a CV or Biosketch). Note that faculty salary is not permitted on these grants but other expenses typically allowed on NIH/NSF grants are (e.g., lab supplies, participant payment, RA support, etc.).

The deadline for receipt of all materials is September 15th. Email your proposal to Allison Bassett (abassett@mail.sdsu.edu). Funding decisions will be made by the CCN executive committee no later than November 1st. Direct questions about the application procedure to Phil Holcomb (pholcomb@sdsu.edu).