



Pilot Grant Funding for Research in Preterm Birth

The [March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center](#) at Washington University in St. Louis (the PRC) announces a Transdisciplinary Developmental Funding Program for investigators with a faculty appointment of Instructor and above to support early-stage, innovative research in preterm birth. The PRC was established in November 2014 to study multiple aspects of preterm birth, including three thematic areas: Cervical Remodeling during Pregnancy, Electrical Maturation of Uterine Smooth Muscle, and The Role of Chronodisruption in Preterm Birth. **The PRC fosters discoveries in other novel areas of preterm birth research through this pilot grant-funding program.** Researchers in any discipline within the Washington University community are encouraged to explore high-risk ideas that specifically investigate ways to detect or prevent preterm birth that will generate preliminary data for subsequent extramural applications to the NIH or to non-governmental foundations.

Pilot grant funding will be for one year at \$25,000 with matching funds of \$25,000 expected from the Department Chair sponsoring the faculty member. A second year of support will be based on a progress report, yielding a potential for \$100,000/grant.

Application Due: May 18, 2018 by 5:00 pm

Submissions will be reviewed for the hypothesis tested, the science and innovation of the proposal, the likelihood for translational research, and the potential for extra-mural funding.

Applicants should [read and follow the instructions and guidelines carefully](#) to avoid delays, misunderstandings, and the possible return of an application for clarification or changes.

The deadline for filing an application is 5:00 pm.. on the submission date.

Please direct questions and submissions to:
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Awards will be announced by June 1, 2018, with funding to begin June 15, 2018.