



WUCCI Imaging Center Micro-Grant Programs - Call for Proposals

**Micro-grants from \$1,000 to \$8,000 depending on program**

**Grant Submission Deadline: August 15th onwards**

### **Availability & Purpose of Funds**

The Washington University Center for Cellular Imaging (WUCCI) operates a number of micro-grant programs to provide seed funding to eligible investigators of the Diabetes Research Center (DRC), Rheumatic Diseases Resource-based Research Center (RDRRC), and the Children's Discovery Institute (CDI).

Funding should support the generation of preliminary data leading to the submission of new applications for independent (NIH or other) research grants. Faculty members from any department who are also a member of one of the relevant centers at Washington University are encouraged to apply.

### **1. Diabetes Research Center (P30) Imaging Core Scholarship Program**

The DRC Cell and Tissue Imaging Core offers scholarships to DRC members to support the use of advanced cellular imaging and analysis tools to basic and translational studies of diabetes. The scholarship program will provide funds of \$100 (for smaller projects) or \$2000 (for larger projects) for use in covering the costs of using the WUCCI, with the goal of scholarship support covering 50% of the expected chargebacks for expected project expenses.

The scholarships will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis and must be expended by November 30th, 2020.

**Eligibility:** DRC members only, any sample types

### **2. Rheumatic Diseases Resource-based Research Center (P30) Micro-grant Program**

The RDRRC Cellular Imaging Core offers micro-grants to RDRRC members to support the use of advanced cellular imaging and analysis tools to basic and translational studies of rheumatic diseases. The micro-grant program will provide funds of up to a maximum of \$3,000 for junior faculty (at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor) and \$1,500 for other members (Associate and Full Professors) for use in covering the costs of cellular imaging studies using the WUCCI. The goal of micro-grant support is to cover approximately 50% of the expected chargebacks for expected project expenses.

The micro-grants will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis and must be expended by August 31st, 2020.

**Eligibility:** RDRRC members only, any sample types

### **3. Children's Discovery Institute (CDI) Micro-grant Program**

The CDI recently renewed a Large Core Initiative grant to the Washington University Center for Cellular Imaging (WUCCI) to support collaboration between the CDI and the WUCCI to bring advanced cellular imaging and analysis to basic and translational studies of pediatric disease. The CDI award will support micro-grants for current CDI Investigators and CDI center members as a mechanism to offset WUCCI usage fees.

**For CDI funded-Projects:** In each year, a project funded by a CDI award is eligible for an initial micro-grant application of up to \$3,000, with follow-up micro-grants of up to \$1,000 as deemed appropriate to the project by the WUCCI Director. Funds will be limited to \$8,000 total per CDI project per year.

**For CDI Center Members:** In each year, CDI members who are not currently funded as CDI project investigators will be

able to request a single micro-grant of \$2,000 for imaging services pertinent to research that falls broadly within the scope of the CDI mission with a single follow-up micro-grant of up to \$1,000 as deemed appropriate to the project by the WUCCI Director.

**Eligibility:** CDI Investigators and CDI members with a faculty appointment. CDI-funded postdoctoral fellows and PI's of Educational Initiatives are not eligible to apply, any sample type.

**Application Submission Deadline – August 15th 2019 onwards on a rolling basis for each program**

Instructions for preparation and submission are found in the attached Call for Proposals and Application Guidelines.

**Anticipated Start Date of Funding – As soon as possible**

Successful proposals must have approval, if applicable, by the Human Studies, Animal Studies, Biosafety, and Radiation Safety Committees. Regulatory approvals may be "Pending" at the time of application.

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