

University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Tulane University and University of Mississippi Medical Center CORNET Award (Collaborative Research Network) in Health Disparities Research



Purpose: To stimulate innovative, interdisciplinary, team-based health disparities research (inclusive of T0 to T4), that involves investigators from University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), Tulane University (TU), and University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). The Award is designed to promote new lines of research and provide seed money to give rise to future external funding. It is not intended as bridging funds or a mechanism to extend ongoing funded research. Preference will be given to projects that show integration across institutions.

Guidelines:

- **Minimum Requirements:** To be eligible for a UTHSC/TU/UMMC CORNET Award in Health Disparities Research, each proposal must include, **at minimum, one faculty member from each participating campus (UTHSC, TU, and UMMC).** Adjunct faculty are not eligible.
- **Award Level:** Resources are available for up to two Awards, for up to \$75,000, for one year. No-cost-extension requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Leadership Team at year-end.
- **Required Application Materials:** Proposals must be submitted by the **UTHSC PI**, in one pdf via the UTHSC IRR portal at <https://uthsc.infoready4.com>
 - **Face Sheet^{1,2}** Please fill in all required information for **each** investigator on the research team. Be sure to include a description of each PI's duties/contributions to the project.
 - **Abstract¹** (200-word limit)
 - **Research Proposal (2 pages only)** - please include: Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Data and a brief description of Methods)
 - **References¹**
 - **Planned Extramural Grant Applications¹** Description and timeframe of specific extramural grant proposals that will be submitted as a result of this seed money. Please include funding agency and submission due date (one paragraph)
 - **Budget and Justification^{1,2}** (one budget page, maximum \$25K, for each campus)
 - Budget Restrictions:
 - Faculty salaries are not allowed. Limited salaries (small % effort) for technicians, students, post docs or other professionals are allowed
 - Budget maximum is \$25,000 for each campus (\$75,000 total)
 - No travel money
 - **Other Support^{1,2}** Information regarding other support (intramural and extramural) for each PI. Please include: title, funding agency, grant type, project period, annual direct costs.
 - **NIH-style Biosketch^{1,2}** for each investigator (5-page limit/investigator)

¹ Not included in 2-page limit

² Templates for Face Sheet, Budget Page, NIH-Style Biosketch, and Other Support can be downloaded from the InfoReady Review (IRR) competition page website <https://uthsc.infoready4.com>

Institutional Approvals: Institutional approvals for research involving human subjects, animals, biohazards, etc. must be received prior to release of CORNET funding.

Timeline: **Submissions are due by Monday, September 30, 2019.** **Please note:** proposals must be submitted by the UTHSC PI via InfoReady Review <https://uthsc.infoready4.com> . We are aiming to make funding decisions by 11/15/19, and funding for selected grant(s) is targeted to begin on 1/1/20.

Review: Submitted proposals will be reviewed by a committee chosen by the UTHSC/TU/UMMC leadership.

A year-end progress report will be due at the close of the grant.

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