PrMEIR Innovation Grants

Theme: Transitions in Medical Education: Improving Transitions along the UME, GME, or CME Continuum

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About PrMEIR Innovation Grants

The PrMEIR Innovation Grants Program expands the capacity of the NYU School of Medicine to do cutting edge medical education research by providing seed grants and support to an ever enlarging and vibrant community of researchers. Over 45 projects have been funded, many of which have led to merit-based external funding and publications in peer-reviewed journals. This work enriches the medical education community in general and supports our place among the top-tier US medical schools.

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Transitions from medical student to resident to practicing physician are important steps in the lives of physicians, and medical schools and graduate medical education programs (GME) share responsibility for equipping these learners with the competencies they need to build meaningful and successful careers. Our NYU educational leaders are uniquely qualified to generate ideas and solutions that address stressful yet potentially rewarding rites of passage. Understanding clinical strengths, areas for growth, and roles and responsibilities at each new stage are essential for success as a professional life-long learner. For the health of our communities, medical school deans and faculty, residency program directors, and GME sponsoring institution leadership have a stake in ensuring successful transitions.

This year’s PrMEIR Innovation Grant focuses on creating innovative programs or assessments to prepare learners to transition in this rapidly changing environment to their next stage of their career. These programs may address the breadth of issues learners face at each transition, including EPAs, skills-based competencies, professionalism, and self-care skills, in order to promote competent, resilient professionals who are life-long learners with the ability to adapt to changing healthcare systems.

Applicants for the PrMEIR grant should focus on initiatives that include but are not limited to:

- Designing programs to better prepare our learners for transitioning to their next stage (i.e. medical school, residency, fellowships or careers)
- Assessing transitioning learners’ preparedness for their next stage
- Enhancing feedback to learners and teachers on learners preparedness for their transition

We challenge our education community to consider creative, educational theory based approaches to preparing and assessing the next generation of learners for the transitions they will face.
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Applicant Eligibility

Faculty of NYU Professional Schools and Colleges are eligible to submit applications.

Application Guidelines

Please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) of no more than 1,000 words by **February 23, 2018** via REDCap at: https://is.gd/2018_PrMEIR_Grants_LOI

Applicants will be notified by **March 9, 2018** if selected to submit a proposal.

The LOI must contain the following elements:

- Name and Information of submitting Principal Investigator (PI)
- Co-PIs: Names, Titles, and Affiliations
- Project Title
- Project Summary (including study aims and which residency programs will be involved). Please limit this section to 250 words.
- Brief Summary of Project (including methods, measures, sample, expected results, impact on medical education). Please limit this section to 750 words.
- Co-Investigators and Collaborators
- Amount of Funding Requested (Maximum amount: $15,000) and itemized budget
- Projected Start Date and Duration of Project

**LOI Deadline: February 23, 2018 at 5pm**

You may work on your LOI over multiple sessions, however, you must save the “Save and Return Later” response before logging off. You are strongly encouraged to compose the bulk of the LOI in a Word document and copy and paste into the online form.

If you have any questions, please reach out to PrMEIR Support at PrMEIRSupport@nyumc.org with the subject line “PrMEIR Innovation Grants”
Guidelines for Writing your Full Proposal

If you are invited to submit your full proposal:
Please limit your application to a maximum of 10 pages (excluding Budget and Justification, References, Biographical Sketches, and Appendices).

Applications must include:

Cover Page with Identifying Information
• Project Name
• Name of PI
• Title
• Co-PIs
• Department/Division
• PI’s Email
• Telephone

Executive Summary
• Provide a clear, concise description of the proposed project including target population and their needs, goals, and objectives, applicant’s capacity to do the work proposed

Description of the Proposed Project
• Clearly stated problem the proposal is intending to address
• Justification of need to address this issue (supported by literature review)
• Who will benefit

Methods
• List specific measurable objectives
• Processes to be used
• Target population and numbers
• Recruitment strategies

Evaluation
• Describe the research design that will be used to evaluate the impact of the educational intervention
• Describe the specific measures to be used for each objective and the strengths and weaknesses of measures proposed. If developing measures, describe what you plan to assess and the process for development
• Describe data collection, sample considerations, IRB issues, data analysis and plans for reporting results
Guidelines for Writing your Full Proposal (cont.)

Resolution of Challenges
- Discuss challenges to project completion and how you will address these

Dissemination Plan
- Discuss how you will share your findings to internal and external audiences

Project Management
- Provide brief descriptions of project leadership and staff and their specific project role

Project Workplan
- Use a timeline to delineate specific project activities and expected completion dates

Budget and Justification
- Provide a detailed accounting of how you will use funding, up to $15,000
- NOTE: Funding may not be used to support faculty

Biographical Sketches
- Include NIH Biosketch for PI and Key Faculty

Letters of Support
- Obtain Letters of Support from your Program Director and/or your Department Chairperson

Proposal Submission Guidelines
Completed proposals must be submitted via email to PrMEIR Support at PrMEIRSupport@nyumc.org with the subject line “PrMEIR Innovation Grants Application.”

Proposal Submission Deadline
April 27, 2018
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Review Guidelines
Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of faculty from NYU Schools and Colleges with expertise in faculty development, curriculum development, research methods, program evaluation, and grants management.

Selection of applications to be funded will be based on the extent to which the following are addressed:

- Rationale
  - What educational needs are addressed?
  - Why is it worth funding?

- Design
  - How well does the research design allow for assessing impact?

- Assessment
  - Quality of the proposed measures and measurement strategies

- Feasibility
  - Timeline, personnel, resources

- Value to Others
  - Program adaptability
  - Ease of dissemination