

## *Request for Applications: CCEB Innovation Center Program*

### Overview

The goal of this initiative is to nucleate cross-disciplinary research that will ultimately challenge current clinical paradigms and improve patients' lives. Additionally, through these awards, we seek to support our members' research programs and career development, increase successful funding of large program project grants and centers, bring new resources to CCEB members, and enhance the recognition of the work done within the CCEB and across Penn.

### Successful applications will

- Address clear goals and objectives that will lead to high impact research and outcomes. Programs may be based on a common method or a clinical problem and/or discipline. These programs should be unique at Penn, such that there are no other similar programs on campus. If there are other similar groups on campus, this must be tied into the application.
- Include faculty across at least two departments and have at least two MPIs with differing backgrounds (at least one of the MPIs should be a CCEB member).
- Provide opportunities for the development of junior faculty and trainees.
- Contribute to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. Discuss thoughtfully how diversity, equity and inclusion will be fostered and/or how these factors will be addressed in the studies conducted.
- Include a business plan that demonstrates sustainability and/or a return on investment (as defined by the MPIs) within three years, including identification of specific grants that will be submitted.
- Include a detailed budget that may be from \$50,000 to \$150,000 total to be used over three years. No additional funding will be provided beyond year three. Funds may be used to support meetings, administrative support, travel, analyses, database development, program management, and/or education. Salary support may not be included for faculty. Utilization of CCEB cores (the BAC and CRCU) will be reviewed favorably.
- Address the [CCEB vision and mission](#). This may be achieved through addressing the points above.

### Application components

- Use this survey link to submit the following documents:  
<https://upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/form/ICP>
  - Name of the program, center, or working group.

- NIH Biosketches for MPI and additional key investigators, combined as a single PDF document.
- Proposal of up to 3 pages in length (NIH formatting instructions: Arial or Times 11, 0.5-inch margins) addressing:
  - Overview of the program
  - Goals and objectives
  - Team
  - Opportunities for junior faculty and/or trainees
  - Diversity, equity, and inclusion
  - Innovation and new resources: How does this program add to or synergize with what is already available at Penn? What new resources (and/or collaborators) will this bring to the CCEB?
  - References (not included in the page limit)
- Business plan (up to 1 page)
  - How will the program/center gain additional support?
  - What grants will the team submit as a part of this work? (include specific PAs/titles and dates).
- Milestones (up to 1 page)
  - How will success be measured?
- Budget (no specific format, PDF upload) and budget justification
- Letters of support are optional
- Assurance that the MPIs will submit annual reports to the CCEB over the three years and provide information to the CCEB for the website and social media postings.

## Timeline

- Applications are **due April 1, 2024**.
- Applications will be reviewed in April
- Recipients will be announced at the MSCE Alumni Event on April 25, 2024.

## Questions?

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