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# GRANT SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY FALL, 2009

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Program is to foster research at Washington State University that will provide significant and innovative contributions to behavioral, psychosocial, biomedical or clinical research on alcohol and drug abuse. Substance abuse is defined by the NIH as “a disease state in which the individual seeks to alter or indeed ‘experiment’ with the functioning of the nervous system in an attempt to alter phenomenological experience.” Applications for funding research dealing with alcohol or any drug that is recognized by the NIH as an abused drug are welcome.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Program funds will be used to provide research support for behavioral, psychosocial, biomedical or clinical investigators to develop their research capabilities and to demonstrate the merit of their research ideas, productivity, and creativity. A description of the program and a list of researchers can be found on our web site.

[www.wsu.edu:8080/adap/adap.html](http://www.wsu.edu:8080/adap/adap.html)

## ELIGIBILITY & TERMS OF SUPPORT

Applications will be accepted from WSU investigators who are eligible as principal investigators to apply for funding from extramural agencies such as NIH.

Support is limited to **\$35,000**. The budget for equipment may not exceed \$5,000. Requests for travel to conferences and Principal Investigator salary support will not be considered. Awards are made for **eighteen months**. Support for subsequent years may be requested by submitting a new proposal with a progress report and evidence of submission for extramural funding. Established investigators interested in seed money for program-projects or training grants should contact Barbara Sorg (335-4709) for information.

## APPLICATION

This call for grants is designed to promote pilot research projects on WSU campuses that have potential to generate extramural funding. Also, funds may be used by individuals who have submitted extramural proposals that were favorably reviewed but not funded. *These individuals should include a copy of the grant that was submitted, the critique, and the percentile score received.* Typically, ADARP funds are used for pilot research that provides the foundation for an extramural proposal.

### **Especially Encouraged to Apply:**

- New faculty
- Faculty shifting areas of research emphasis
- Graduate students are eligible to apply for salary support. Tuition waivers may be available. Please contact our office for details.

All applications will be **due Tuesday, October 27, 2009**. The review process will be completed by December, and awards will be made January 1, 2010, pending approval of human or animal subject protocol by the WSU Institutional Review Boards. Researchers wishing to expedite the IRB process may submit IRB forms at the same time they submit grant applications.

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## **APPLICATION FORMAT (Maximum of 15 Pages plus REX form)**

- I. REX or REX Lite Form
- II. Face Page (name, position, department, proposal title, and abstract)
- III. Response to previous critique (for resubmission or renewal applications only - maximum of 1 extra page)
- IV. Specific Aims
- V. Plans for obtaining extramural funding and/or benefit to WSU or to the state of Washington
- VI. Background and rationale
- VII. Methods
- VIII. References
- IXa. Faculty pilot grants: provide a detailed budget (equipment up to \$5,000, no travel to conferences or faculty salaries; total budget up to \$35,000).
- IXb. Graduate student grants: you may apply for up to one year of support, and must specify which terms you are applying for.
- X. Biosketch (4 page NIH format including other support and overlap with this proposal – additional biosketches for each co-investigator should be included; page limit can be adjusted to accommodate more than one biosketch).
- XI. List of all grant applications submitted in the past three years related to substance abuse research, if any.
  - **Graduate students must attach a support letter from their mentor (not included in page limit)**
  - **All sections MUST be received if grant is to be reviewed.**
  - **Please submit the original and seven copies to OGRD (Neill 423, Mail Stop 3140, Attn: Pam Kelley).**

## **REVIEW CRITERIA**

The proposals will be reviewed by the committee according to the following criteria:

1. Originality and significance of the hypothesis.
2. Feasibility and adequacy of the design and data evaluation.
3. Qualifications and research experience of the principal investigator and other key research personnel. Special consideration is given to new faculty.
4. Likelihood of the project ultimately receiving extramural support.
5. Availability of adequate facilities.
6. Appropriateness of the budget.

## **REVIEW PROCESS**

The proposal will be reviewed by a committee of WSU faculty knowledgeable in the area of the proposal. External *ad hoc* reviewers may be solicited. Most committee members will have had a national competitive award.

**Grant proposals should be carefully developed and written to encourage positive consideration of research ideas. Grant applications that do not comply with the page limit will be returned.**

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