



Thank you for your interest in the FY2017-18 research grant program from the *Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health*. The *Institute* will collaborate with all Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Schools to streamline the grant process and reduce the number of separate grants written for one research study.

NOTE: *As required by federal law (42 USC 289a-2) and NIH policy, applications that propose to involve human subjects must address: 1. the inclusion of women, minorities, and children in the proposed research 2. for an NIH-defined Phase III clinical trial, plans for the valid design and analysis of group differences on the basis of sex/gender, race, and/or ethnicity as appropriate for the scientific goals of the study.*

Funding Priorities 2017-2018 - Translational, Clinical and Population-based Research that aligns with the mission of the *Institute*:

- *to facilitate collaborative development of research relevant to women's health*
- *to promote personalized medicine through sex and gender research that reduces health-related gender differences and disparities*
- *to advance knowledge of sex and gender-specific health issues and expand published data on differences between men and women*

This grant program provides seed money to fund novel research unique to women's health that highlights critical issues for women or focuses on the vital sex and gender differences in the etiology, symptomatology or treatment of medical conditions that will result in more personalized medical care.

The process: Researchers submitting grants from any Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School will use the existing grant application process within their School. Each School will review their grant applications and direct those that align with the criteria for funding by the *Laura Bush Institute* to the *Laura Bush Institute's* Grant Coordinator for final review and funding.

The *Institute* will receive the grant applications that meet their requirements by the stated deadlines within each School. The *Institute's* Grant Committee will review the final grants after they have been designated as fundable within each school. The *Institute* will sequester funds for each school annually which may or may not be exhausted each year. Each grant's probability of funding is based on the quality of science and its alignment with the mission of the *Institute*. Grants that are selected will be notified by the *Institute* within one month.

Types of funding:

- 1) **Seed grants up to \$25,000:** These grants should be multi-campus and/or interdisciplinary in



nature with a clear goal whose results will contribute to potential extramural research funding or contribute to innovations in sex and gender education. The program supports clinical or basic sciences faculty or teams that are developing pilot or preliminary studies. Suitable projects include clinical or health services studies as well as those that use animal, theoretical or laboratory models. If there is an open external RFA which pertains to the work, it should be included as an appendix with the grant proposal.

2) **Small grant funding \$ 5,000 - \$10,000:** This program provides funding, research support and other resources to assist clinical faculty with career interests in women's health/gender-specific scholarship, and whose efforts can serve as the core of our continuing research focus. Suitable projects include patient-oriented research, as well as epidemiological, behavioral or health services studies; pilot data, and educational program development.

In each category, study completion is expected within one to two years.

Eligibility:

All Faculty at TTUHSC Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Professions are encouraged to apply for funding support. Grant recipients **must be a member** of the *Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health*. Members are accepted after providing a CV and personal statement to: lwbi@ttuhsc.edu.

As a Member of the *Institute*, please review the following expectations:

- Publications and scholarly presentations resulting from your research must acknowledge the support of the *Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health* and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center;
- Involvement in the *Institute's* women's health activities, such as internal and community presentations;
- Participation in networking sessions for funded scholars and other interested faculty;
- Potential presentations at women's health conferences sponsored by the *Institute*; and
- Commitment to raising scholarly profiles of women's health/gender differences to the benefit of all women and men.

Resources for more information or questions:

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