



Boston University School of Public Health



## Research Pilot Award Application Form

The Pilot Award program at the Boston University School of Public Health provides an innovative space to meet our core purpose of Think. Teach. Do. for the health of all. These opportunities are available thanks to generous donations to the School and are administered by [idea hub](#).

Applications should be submitted to [ideahub@bu.edu](mailto:ideahub@bu.edu) and will be reviewed by the Research and Faculty Advancement Committee.

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### Part I: Applicant Information

PI Name (contact PI) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Project Title:

Requested Amount of Pilot Funds (\$): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Award Application Type

Early Career Catalyst Award  
Established Investigator Innovation Award  
Carlin Foundation Pilot Award for Public Health Innovation  
CFAR Developmental Grants Award  
Fast-track Funding Mechanism  
Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Relevance to Strategic Directions (select all that apply)

Cities and health  
Climate, the planet, and health  
Health inequities  
Infectious disease  
Mental and behavioral health

Collaborator names and affiliations (including mentors for early career investigators):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Role</b> (co-PI, collaborator, mentor, etc.)

## Part II: Overall goal/plans

This section relates to a faculty member's plans for the larger externally-funded research project that the pilot will help to develop. The limited scope of the pilot should focus on activities that will better position the PI to submit a competitive application for external funding.

- A. Please describe the main research problem you plan to address via the larger project. Explain the significance of the problem and how the specific aims of the proposed project will address gaps and advance the field. (max 150 words)

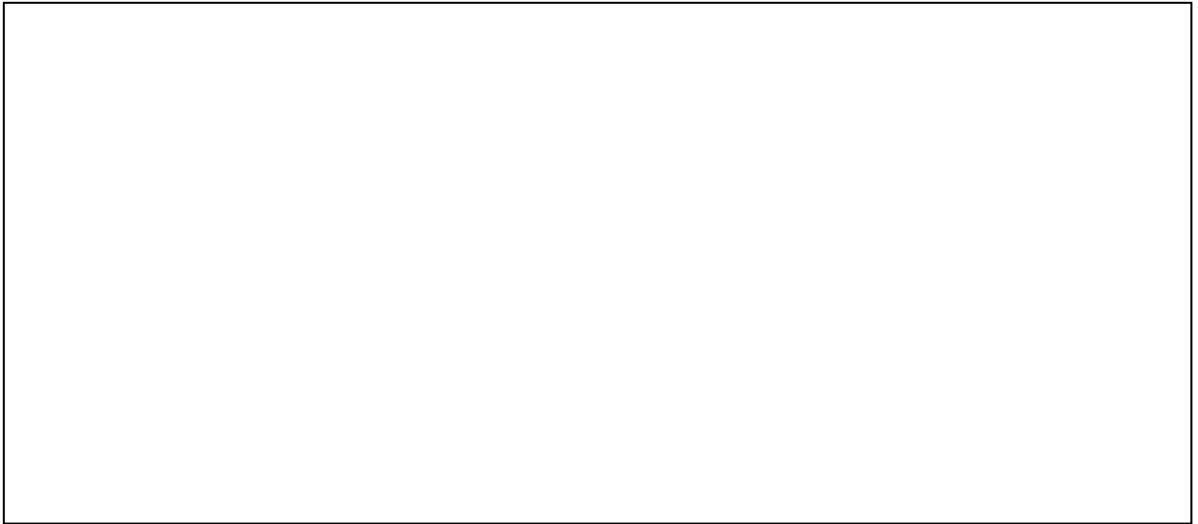
- B. Pilot funds are typically requested when the PI is not currently positioned to submit a competitive grant application for external funding. What are the main barriers and/or potential reviewer concerns that are currently preventing you from preparing a competitive grant application to pursue the above work? (max 150 words).

- C. Please indicate your plans to submit more or more applications for external support following the pilot. Please specify the funder (eg NIH, DOD, Gates), funding mechanism, and submission deadline.

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Funding mechanism</b> (link to RFA if available)	<b>Submission deadline</b>

## Part III: Proposed pilot project

- A. Please provide a brief abstract of the pilot project that includes the specific aims. Please be sure that the specific aims address the barriers and/or concerns noted in question II.B. This abstract may be shared with donors. (max 250 words)



- B. Please describe the approach you will use to conduct the pilot project. Please address the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the pilot project. (max of 750 words)

#### Part IV: Budget and Timeline

- A. Please summarize your budget request and provide a budget justification. In crafting your budget, please review the RFA for restrictions and note that personnel expenses should include [fringe](#).

- B. Please explain why the requested funds are needed to conduct the proposed pilot project. In other words, why is it not possible to conduct the proposed pilot project without the requested support? (max 150 words)

- C. Timeline. Please briefly summarize your timeline for conducting the pilot activities and submitting your subsequent grant application(s). Note: it typically takes 2-3 weeks to set up pilot accounts after research approvals have been secured and it is the expectation that at least one grant application will be submitted by the end of the one-year award period.

#### Part V: Citations

You are welcome to attach citations separately.

#### Part VI: Letter of Support (if applicable)

Early career investigators who have not previously received R-level funding should attach a letter of support from their mentor. This letter, not to exceed 1 page, should outline how the mentor will support the applicant during the pilot project and subsequent preparation of an application for external funding. For research scientists, if the

faculty mentor does not also serve as the applicant's supervisor, then the letter should be co-signed by the supervisor to indicate their approval.

**Part VII: Fast-Track Funding Mechanism**

Funds are sometimes needed to pursue time-sensitive opportunities, such that waiting for the normal submission deadlines is not possible. Accordingly, SPH offers a fast-track funding mechanism when modest resources are required to pursue funding opportunity. If applying for this mechanism, please attached the applicable RFA or summary statement to this form.