

## **Johns Hopkins Edward R. Roybal Center**

### **Call for Pre-Proposals for the Center Renewal Application**

**Background:** The Johns Hopkins Roybal Center (JHRC) was established in 2014 with a P30 grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to support translational research in the social and behavioral sciences. The focus of the JHRC is on strengthening the informal support resources (e.g., caregiving, volunteering) of older adults, and, where feasible, doing so using innovative methodological or technological advances. All NIH Roybal Centers are up for renewal at this time. The next cycle of Roybal Centers will be even more devoted to developing and evaluating interventions. There is now a heavy emphasis on the NIH Stage Model (Onken et al., Reenvisioning clinical science: Unifying the discipline to improve public health. *Clinical Psychological Science*, 2014, 2, 22-34) for conceptualizing the generation, evaluation, refinement, and dissemination of such interventions. The RFA for Roybal Center applications has more information on this new emphasis: (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-19-006.html>).

**Pre-Proposals:** At this time, we are asking for 1-page “pre-proposals” from potential pilot project PIs or investigative teams who may be interested in partnering with us on this competitive renewal. The RFA stipulates that we propose 2 pilot projects to begin in the first year of the new funding period. We also intend to identify and describe other candidate pilot projects that will be initiated in subsequent years of the new funding period.

**Submission Procedure:** In your 1-page pre-proposal, please describe: 1) the nature and goals of your intervention, 2) how it fits with the themes of and is responsive to the goals of the JHRC; 3) in some detail, where in the NIH stage model your proposed project would fit (e.g., a new intervention under development vs. an elaboration or refinement of an existing intervention), including some discussion about the long-term plans for evaluation and maturation for your intervention program, using the stage model terminology as much as possible, and 4) any major co-investigators, funding partners, or noteworthy stakeholders for your proposed pilot project. In addition, please specify if you prefer an immediate funding date (year 1) or if you are pre-proposing an idea that might be described as a future project. Also, please include an NIH biosketch for the PI of the proposed project.

**Eligibility:** Any faculty member at Johns Hopkins University is invited to submit a pre-proposal. Junior investigators (e.g., instructors, research scientists, assistant professors, early associate professors) are especially encouraged to submit, and more senior investigators who are extending their work into the social or behavioral sciences are also encouraged to consider this potential funding mechanism. Postdoctoral fellows who are likely to obtain a faculty position at Johns Hopkins within the next year are also eligible to submit pre-proposals.

**Pre-Proposal Due Date:** One-page pre-proposals may be submitted at any time by emailing your pre-proposal and NIH biosketch to Brian Buta ([bbuta@jhmi.edu](mailto:bbuta@jhmi.edu)). Early submission is highly desired. We hope to have all pre-proposals submitted for consideration by Friday, **August 10, 2018**.

**Questions:** Please contact Dr. David Roth (Roybal Center Director, [droth@jhu.edu](mailto:droth@jhu.edu)) or Dr. Jennifer Wolff (Roybal Pilot Core Director, [jwolff2@jhu.edu](mailto:jwolff2@jhu.edu)) if you have any questions. **We want to work with you, and genuinely welcome all inquiries.** More information about our Roybal Center is also available on the JHRC website ([http://coah.jhu.edu/roybal\\_center](http://coah.jhu.edu/roybal_center)).