

FY21 JOINT IRC-COBRE Pilot Request for Applications (RFA)



Background: The UK [Center of Biomedical Research Excellence \(COBRE\) in Pharmaceutical Research and Innovation \(CPRI\)](#), in partnership with the Igniting Research Collaborations (IRC) initiative, is seeking applications for new pilot projects. CPRI is a comprehensive multidisciplinary center focused on translational chemical biology. The overarching goals of the center are to support junior faculty career development, advance impactful translational chemical biology research/tools, and stimulate transdisciplinary collaboration, research innovation and early translation. Within this context, the center is partnering with the UK IRC initiative to support new pilot projects in the translational chemical biology arena. The IRC pilot program RFA details are provided below. For more general COBRE information, see the [NIGMS COBRE program](#).

Igniting Research Collaborations

Igniting Research Collaborations (IRC) seeks to increase interdisciplinary scientific engagement and leverage the breadth of expertise across campus to tackle important problems in the Commonwealth.

Goal & Purpose:

- UK is 1 of 8 US universities with undergrad, graduate, professional, medical, engineering & agricultural programs – distinct opportunity for collaborative research
- Foster new collaborations across colleges
- Diverse expertise leads to innovative advances
- Faculty from **all** UK colleges invited to apply
- Previous awardees can apply

The IRC Pilot must be a NEW collaboration of faculty from at least 2 different colleges. The maximum budget amount is \$50,000. Typical awards are in the \$25,000 - \$30,000 range. Salary for faculty is not allowed. The budget period is for six months, December 1, 2020 – June 1, 2021.

Review will be conducted by ADRs or designated Chairs of participating colleges.

IRC Pilot Application Process: Due October 28, 2020

- Portal will open after September 30, 2020 Networking event
- Submit to: <https://ris.uky.edu/pdo/fundingportal>
- Proposals will be reviewed by College ADRs
- IRC Symposium progress report

- Since the IRC conceptual framework is to generate “new” research ideas, applications to collect preliminary data to respond to a critique are not be eligible.

What to submit:

- **IRC Cover Letter**
- **Abstract** (30 lines maximum)
- **2-Page Research Plan**
 - New collaboration means no publications & no funding history.
 - Indicate what led to this new collaboration.
 - Provide statement about prior IRC funding and outcomes.
 - Include rationale for the project, specific aims, methods.
 - Discuss how the preliminary data/evidence will propel the collaborative project forward.
 - Include a timeline for accomplishments and plan beyond the project.
 - Indicate plan for seeking extramural funding.
 - Describe any other measures of success.
- **NIH-style biosketch for each collaborator**
 - Faculty from >2 colleges.
 - Include name, email, department affiliation, a brief statement of research expertise/program, educational track record, current funding and relevant publications.
- **1-Page budget/justification**
 - eIAF not required.
 - Indicate the role of each investigator on the project.
 - Budgets will **not** be administered by OSPA.
 - Include specific justification for expenses.
 - Only travel costs necessary to acquire experimental data are allowed.
 - Equipment purchase allowed, but must be well justified.
 - Graduate student stipends are allowed.