

Joint REACT / AR³T Pilot Funding Opportunity

Overview. The NIH funded National **Rehabilitation Research Resource to Enhance Clinical Trials (REACT)**, and **Alliance for Regenerative Rehabilitation Research and Training (AR³T)** invites letters of intent for applications for investigator-initiated pilot clinical trial focusing on the integration of principles and approaches from rehabilitation and regenerative medicine with the ultimate goal of developing innovative and effective methods that promote the restoration of function.

Eligibility. This program supports full-time faculty investigators in academic institutions in the US who are eligible to receive NIH funding. We encourage applications from interdisciplinary research teams, underrepresented minority applicants and faculty at all ranks.

Application Procedure. This funding mechanism involves a two-phase application process (see Key Dates for details). For the pre-application phase, applicants are requested to submit the following documents as a single PDF file to the [REACT Center website](#) no later than **December 19 at 5:00 PM**

Central Time:

1. Letter of Intent (limited to 2 pages, excluding references), to include: Investigative Team, Specific Aims Significance & Innovation, Approach, and Plan for seeking future extramural funding for a future clinical trial.
2. Description of REACT resources that may be sought to support the pilot study (limited to ½ page). See website for description of resources available (address below).
3. NIH Biosketches of the PI and any Co-investigators.

Applicants must specify when submitting that they would like to be considered for the “Joint REACT/AR³T Pilot Funding Opportunity” in addition to the standard REACT Pilot Funding Opportunity. Letters of Intent selected for Phase 2 full application will be expected to submit a 6-page proposal (we will provide a proposal template that will include a cover page), budget and budget justification.

Criteria for Review. Emphasis will be placed on scientific merit and likelihood that the work **will advance to a more-definitive clinical trial**. Applications responsive to this RFA should focus on the integration of principles and approaches from rehabilitation and regenerative medicine.

Funding. One pilot study will be funded under this mechanism. Applicants may request up to \$60,000 direct costs. Indirect costs will be awarded at current federally approved rate. Awards are limited to 12 months in duration.

Questions? Application guidelines and answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available on the REACT website: <https://react.center/funding/>. For additional questions, contact **Chelsea Crawford at (205) 934-9211** or email clcrawford@uab.edu. To learn more about AR³T and regenerative rehabilitation, please visit ar3t.pitt.edu or email ar3t@pitt.edu.

The central goal of the REACT and AR³T Pilot Studies Programs is to catalyze the success of medical rehabilitation researchers and interdisciplinary teams by providing consultation, seed funds, key expertise and resources for the conduct of innovative pilot projects, early-stage proof-of-concept studies, and utility studies needed to shape more definitive clinical trials.

Key Dates	
Letter of Intent FAQ Session	November 28, 2018 @ 1PM CT
Letter of Intent Due	December 19, 2018 @ 5 PM CT
Invitation to Submit Full	January 2019
Application FAQ Session	February 6, 2019 @ 2 PM CT
Full Application Due Date	March 29, 2019 @ 5 PM CT
Review Process Completed	April 2019
Awards Announced	May 2019
Start Date of Awards	July 2019