

Charleston Opioid Center for Addiction (COCA)

Request for pilot project abstracts on addiction science

The purpose of this announcement is to provide an opportunity to pitch a potential pilot project to be included in the COCA grant resubmission in Sept 2023. Inclusion of your idea in the resubmission does not guarantee support if the COCA renewal is funded. At that time, a more complete proposal and budget will be solicited.

A Pilot Project Core is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded **Center for Opioid and Cocaine Addiction that is being renamed the Charleston Opioid Center for Addiction (COCA)**. The COCA Pilot Core oversees the execution and development of basic science, translational and clinical pilot projects that will bring new technologies and new investigators into the field of addiction research.

The goals of the Pilot Core are to provide a mechanism primarily to attract young faculty, and secondarily, to recruit senior investigators, into the field of addiction and to identify novel technologies that will augment ongoing COCA investigations into the long-term neuroadaptations produced by, and potential treatments for, opioid use disorders.

The pilot project may be either a clinical or basic science study. The purpose of the COCA pilot funding (**up to \$40,000**) is to provide an opportunity to collect preliminary data that will ultimately support an R01 application.

Faculty of all ranks (postdocs are not eligible) interested in submitting a pilot project for consideration should submit a 2-page maximum description of the project idea. The format should include:

- Title and your name and dept.
- Significance of problem
- Preliminary data (if applicable)
- Experimental design and methods

In addition:

- Submit NIH-formatted biosketches for each investigator
- No budget is necessary at this time.

Submit proposal abstracts **by June 30** to mcginty@musc.edu.

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