

**CREID Network: Pilot Research Program
2024 Call for Applications**

<https://creid-network.org/call-for-applications>

**Responses to Questions
November 1, 2023**

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If someone is a key person in a subaward recipient, can he apply for pilot program?	Please refer to the Pilot Program eligibility criteria to determine eligibility. A previously awarded PI of a CREID Pilot Award is not eligible to receive another CREID Pilot Award. Someone who was key personnel on a CREID Pilot Award is eligible to apply as a PI for a new CREID Pilot Award.
Can a PhD student from a LMIC who's on the verge of defending the PhD eligible for this program?	Please refer to the eligibility criteria on page 6 of the Call for Applications. Yes, LMIC applicants must either have a master's degree or equivalent degree and 4+ years of experience or applicant may be recommended by a CREID RC PI if they do not fit any other criteria.
If I am not a US citizen can I be the PI?	Please refer to the eligibility criteria on page 6 of the Call for Applications. Yes, non-US citizens are eligible to be PI of an application.
It is needed that I have a full-time position at the institution that would manage financially the grant? It is ok if I am just an associate researcher there?	Please refer to the eligibility criteria and institutional eligibility on pages 6 and 7 of the Call for Applications. Additionally, your institution will be required to submit a letter of support reflecting their commitment to the completion of your research study (page 14). Please discuss these requirements with the collaborating Research Center and your institution to confirm their support of your application.
Are resubmission going to be reviewed by same reviewer?	Resubmissions may or may not have the same reviewers. Each year the review committee is made up of both returning and new reviewers.
What is the role of Collaborating RCs in the overall project? Does the program necessitate visit of PI to CRCs?	Please refer to the Call for Applications for details on the role of the collaborating Research Centers for both pre- and post-award. The role of collaborating RCs in the overall project is to provide support with the application development, letters of support, submission, and if chosen, regulatory support (as needed), and mentorship and guidance throughout the project. A site visit is not required but can be included.
Is it possible to have two co-PIs with slightly different experience, work with two mentors that have different experiences?	Yes, you can have up to 2 co-PIs and have multiple mentors. The primary mentor must be from the collaborating Research Center. Each mentor will be asked to sign an agreement defining the mentoring relationship. For more details, please review Call for Applications on co-PIs, career development and mentoring plans, the role of the collaborating Research Centers, required letters of support, and the post-award role of the mentor.

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<p>Can there be a component of self salary in the budget, if s/he is PI as well as a key personal?</p>	<p>Yes, salaries can be included as a budget line item, although the pilot project awarding process requires time flexibility and may be delayed due to the many US Government and regulatory approvals as well as subaward negotiations required with your institution. We do recommend caution with this decision if you need the salary funds during an exact time period of the pilot program award due to these possible delays in funding.</p>
<p>Are early career researcher from high income country eligible?</p>	<p>Yes, the Pilot Program uses the NIH definition of New Investigator. Please see eligibility criteria on page 6 of the Call for Applications.</p>
<p>Does the geographical location of Collaborating RCs matter for the overall assessment of the project? Is it advantageous to choose CRCs which are geographically nearer as compared to the ones which are far from the PI lab?</p>	<p>The collaborating Research Center makes the final decisions on which applications to support, including considerations of geography. Please contact the Research Center you are interested in collaborating with as soon as possible.</p>
<p>I currently am a postdoctoral visiting fellow at the NIH and meet the requirements for an early career researcher (have not previously competed successfully as a PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award. Does my association with the NIH make me ineligible to apply?</p>	<p>NIH intramural researchers are not eligible to apply to the CREID Pilot Research Program, which is funded with NIH extramural funding.</p>
<p>Are grantees required to be physically based at their CREID research center 100% of the time during the award, or are we allowed to split our time between the research center and our non-CREID institute?</p>	<p>Awardees are not required to be based at a CREID Research Center to be eligible to apply for this program. Please discuss your application and interest with the Research Center you are interested in collaborating with about your proposed research project.</p>