

**CREID Network: Pilot Research Program
Call for Applications 2021**
<https://creid-network.org/pilot-program>

**Responses to Questions
February 19, 2021**

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Is the call open to only virus research or emerging helminths infections too?	Please review the priority pathogens currently under study by the CREID Network. This should clarify the research priorities for this Network. (https://creid-network.org/pathogens). In addition, please contact the relevant CREID Research Center you propose to collaborate with to discuss your research idea to determine alignment and support.
I am seeking to secure funding to continue sequencing viruses and to further our ongoing collaboration with a CREID Research Center. Am I eligible to apply for the pilot research program?	Please review the eligibility criteria included in the Call for Applications to determine if you are eligible. We also encourage you to contact the collaborating CREID Research Center to discuss your concept and determine their support for your application. (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program)
Is there any opportunity for PhD training under the CREID programs?	The only funding opportunity available through the CREID Network is the Pilot Research Program that was released on Friday, January 29, with applications due March 12. Please review this Call for Applications to determine your interest. (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program)
What is the budget ceiling for Pilot Research Program: Call for Applications 2021?	The Call for Applications includes detailed budget information on page 6 and on page 10 (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program). The budget ceiling is \$150,000 (US Dollars) total costs. Please refer to the Call for Applications for additional information.
Is there a guide on how to write the Letter of Intent for the Pilot Research program?	Please refer to the Call for Applications on page 7 for requirements for the Letter of Intent and deadline (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program)
Is there any specific format for the proposal?	The Call of Applications provides details on the format of the application and budget on pages 7-12. Several templates that are required are on the Pilot Research Program webpage (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program)
Does the mentor need to be affiliated with the supporting CREID Research Center?	No, the mentor does not need to be affiliated with the supporting CREID Research Center.
Must my mentor come from the United States? Or can I identify a mentor from any member of the Network within my country?	A mentor can come from within the applicant's home country and is not required to be from the U.S. We encourage applicants to contact the CREID Research Center they are interested in collaborating with to determine support of the mentor the applicant identifies.

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Does the mentor need to work at the same institution as the applicant?	No, the mentor does not need to work at the same institution as the applicant.
How many applications can a CREID Research Center support?	Each CREID Research Center is limited to supporting 3 applications.
In the case of a project with Co-PIs, is it expected that both investigators meet the eligibility criteria described in Section 1.3?	If there are 2 co-investigators both must meet the eligibility criteria.
I noticed in the instruction file that Calibri font is specified (instead of more commonly used Arial). Also, all margins are at least one inch. Since these formatting details influence how many words would fit, could you please confirm these format requirements?	For the complete set of formatting and page limit details, please refer to the Call for Applications Sections 2.2 and 2.3. (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program)
Does this program support applications focused on malaria, drug resistant malaria, antimicrobial resistance, multi-drug resistant TB, clinical spectrum of COVID and Sequelae, or COVID related studies especially those around seroprevalence in pregnancy?	Please review the research priorities for the CREID Network. We encourage applicants to contact the CREID Research Center they are interested in collaborating with to determine the Research Center priorities and alignment with the applicant's research interests.
Can one apply for some concepts that already have been captured in one of the CREID centers but include additional study sites, additional state within the country of focus of a CREID center, or even additional country?	We encourage applicants to contact the CREID Research Center they are interested in collaborating with to determine the Research Center priorities, alignment with the applicant's research interests, as well as the Research Center's support for the application.
Can one apply if one does not yet have IRB approval but can secure within a month?	This mechanism requires that all proposed human subjects research studies be nested within a parent study which already has IRB approval in place. Please review Section 1.2 of the Call for Applications for additional details on human subjects research. (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program)
When foreign organizations apply for the pilot award and submit their budgets, should they use the NIH F&A negotiated rate of 8%.	Yes, foreign institutions should use the NIH F&A rate of 8%.

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<p>Would like to confirm that there is no required template for the body of the application (study personnel, research aims and objectives, study rationale, significance and approach, research method...) as long as the required formatting is followed.</p>	<p>Correct, there is no template for the sections identified in the question. Follow the formatting and page limit requirements specified in the Call for Applications. (https://creid-network.org/pilot-program)</p>
<p>If the contact PI of the collaborating CREID Research Center will also be the mentor to the applicant, should the contact PI prepare both the Letter of Collaboration and Letter from Mentor?</p>	<p>Yes, the contact PI should provide both letters (Letter of Collaboration, Letter from Mentor).</p>
<p>I would like to know how I can get Co-PIs from CREID to work with me.</p>	<p>Please contact the CREID Research Center you are interested in collaborating with to discuss your proposal and to identify support for your application. Please discuss with the identified Research Center your interest in identifying a Co-PI. You can find information about each Research Center and relevant contact information at the CREID website. (https://creid-network.org/)</p>