MICHR ACCELERATING SYNERGY AWARD

Partners: Medical School Office of Research and the Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation

KEY DATES:

Required Letter of Intent Due Date: **August 5, 2019 at 5 pm**

Application Due Date: **September 9, 2019 at 5 pm**

PURPOSE: The Accelerating Synergy Award is designed to enable investigative teams to address significant, complex, and multifaceted research problems using an interdisciplinary approach. The composition of the integrative research team should facilitate pursuit of a unified scientific goal that could not be achieved through individual efforts. We expect that the results obtained from this funding will be used to develop a compelling and competitive external large-scale grant, which we define here as NIH applications with multiple project and/or core components (e.g., P01, P30, P50, U24, U54, UM1). Being competitive for a large-scale grant requires significant advanced planning, a well-defined and central research theme, strong preliminary data, and a history of partnership among collaborating investigators. The goal of this award is to position research teams for future NIH large-scale grant success.

ACCELERATING SYNERGY AWARD MECHANISMS: In collaboration with our partners, we are pleased to offer three Accelerating Synergy Award mechanisms:

- **Basic Research** (Co-sponsored by the Medical School Office of Research)
- **Translational Research**
- **Health Services Research** (Co-sponsored by the Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation)

FUNDING: Under any of the three mechanisms, faculty will need to select the appropriate planning stage – 1) Positioning or 2) Grant Development – that aligns with project needs and anticipated time to external NIH large-scale grant submission. Each award will provide $100,000 in funding for one year. All funds must be spent in this timeframe and will not be eligible for a no-cost extension. If needed, Positioning awardees will be eligible to apply for Grant Development funds during future funding cycles. Use the table below to identify the appropriate planning stage for your proposal.

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| Positioning          | Applicants should be approximately **two years** from submitting an external NIH large-scale grant | To provide teams with funds to:  
  • Obtain/finalize preliminary data  
  • Continue publishing with collaborators, thereby solidifying a strong history of partnership | Funds should primarily be allocated to the conduct of research                                          |
| Grant Development    | Applicants should be approximately **one year** from submitting an external NIH large-scale grant | To provide teams with funds to:  
  • Support personnel/resources to develop and submit a NIH large-scale grant  
  • Analyze or publish final preliminary data | Funds should primarily be allocated to grant development (e.g., effort, resources), with a smaller amount supporting research |
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

All mechanisms: Faculty members with primary appointments at the University of Michigan (U-M) are eligible to serve as Principal Investigators (PIs). Typically, PIs will be at least mid-career faculty who have a history of funding and publication success in the field of the proposed research. At minimum, three faculty members must be represented on the proposal, as Co-Principal Investigators or Co-Investigators, from at least two Schools/Colleges and three departments at U-M (only primary appointments will be considered).

A Multiple PI (ie, Co-Principal Investigator) model is strongly recommended to set the foundation for the external NIH large-scale grant. It is recommended there be previous collaboration among at least some of the Co-Principal Investigators and/or Co-Investigators. Partnerships with industry or community are encouraged. Applicants not awarded in a previous round of Accelerating Synergy funding are welcome to resubmit. Previous Positioning awardees may apply to the Grant Development planning stage.

Mechanism-specific requirements:

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<td>Health Services Research</td>
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<td>At least one PI must be a member of the Institute for Healthcare Policy &amp; Innovation</td>
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The mechanism you select for your application will have no impact on the review process or funding decisions. MICHR will reassign your application to the appropriate mechanism as needed.

RESTRICTIONS:

All mechanisms: Support of new, individual research projects (eg, R01-type efforts) will not be considered for the Accelerating Synergy Award. Applicants are limited to one submission per funding cycle. This mechanism is intended to support the pursuit of new NIH large-scale grants and not renewal efforts.

Translational Research and Health Services Research mechanisms: The NIH-National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS), which funds MICHR, will not provide prior approval for pilot grants that propose research conducted outside of the United States. In addition, NCATS only permits funding of clinical trials through the end of Phase IIB, with the exception of certain activities involving treatment of a rare disease or condition. Per NCATS, Phase II clinical trials are designed to test drugs for efficacy (or effectiveness) and side effects in a limited number of patients. Phase IIA trials provide data for exposure-response in patients, while Phase IIB trials provide data for dose-ranging in patients.
SUBMISSION PROCESS & TIMELINE: There are two phases to the application process:

- **Phase 1**: Interested investigators are **REQUIRED** to submit a letter of intent due **August 5, 2019 at 5 pm**. Any investigator who submits a letter of intent by the deadline can proceed to Phase II.
  - Letter of intent requirements begin on page 4, and the submission portal is available through [Competition Space](#). Please refer to the **MICHR Accelerating Synergy Letter of Intent** competition.

- **Phase 2**: Any investigators who submitted a required letter of intent may submit a five-page Accelerating Synergy proposal due **September 9, 2019 at 5 pm**.
  - Accelerating Synergy **Positioning** application guidelines begin on page 5.
  - Accelerating Synergy **Grant Development** application guidelines begin on page 9.
  - The submission portal is available through [Competition Space](#). Please refer to the **MICHR Accelerating Synergy Full Proposal** competition, which will open in early August.

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS: Review criteria are similar to NIH, with applications being scored on 1) significance, 2) investigator and team, 3) innovation, 4) approach, 5) environment and 6) overall impact. Reviewers will also consider the likelihood of the research team to develop a competitive NIH large-scale grant based on alignment of research goals with the external funding opportunity announcement of interest (see proposal guidelines) and assessment of the research career(s) of the Principal Investigator, and/or Co-Principal Investigators, and collaborative team history.

AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITES: MICHR will provide awardees with a tailored plan of support that extends beyond financial commitment. Awardees will be expected to use the services outlined in their plans and to provide progress updates as requested. Fundable applications that propose human subjects or vertebrate animal research must proceed to a second level of review by NIH-NCATS; their approval must be obtained before funds are released. From the time you are notified of your fundable score by MICHR, you will have two weeks to submit your protocol to the IRB or IACUC and three months to obtain approval. If approval is not obtained within this timeframe, MICHR reserves the right to deny funding.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about this grant mechanism, contact the [MICHR Pilot Grant Program](#).

For assistance developing your project, request a consultation with the [MICHR Research Development Core](#).
ACCELERATING SYNERGY LETTER OF INTENT

The MICHR Accelerating Synergy Letter of Intent is **REQUIRED** for any investigators who wish to submit an Accelerating Synergy application. The letter of intent does not enter into the subsequent review of the application; rather, it assists the MICHR Pilot Grant Program in planning the review process for the full application. Only investigators who submit a letter of intent can subsequently apply for the MICHR Accelerating Synergy Award

**LETTER OF INTENT DUE DATE:** August 5, 2019 at 5 pm

**LETTER OF INTENT SUBMISSION:** Letters must be submitted in **UMMS Competition Space**. Please refer to the **MICHR Accelerating Synergy Letter of Intent** competition.

**LETTER OF INTENT COMPONENTS:**

The letter of intent should not exceed one-page (Arial 11, 0.5 inch margins, PDF). Please ensure that **ALL items below** are addressed in your letter:

- Title of proposed research
- Accelerating Synergy Mechanism: Identify either Basic Research, Translational Research or Health Services Research
- Planning Stage: Identify either Positioning or Grant Development
- Name and department of the contact Principal Investigator
- Name and departments of additional Principal Investigator(s), Co-Investigators and Collaborators
- Brief project description
Please note that you must have submitted a required letter of intent to be eligible for a MICHR Accelerating Synergy Award.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: September 9, 2019

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Applications must be submitted in UMMS Competition Space. Please use provided forms and templates when applicable.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS:

Face Page and Project Summary: Complete using the form in Competition Space. The project summary (250-word maximum) should be written using language that can be understood by a non-scientific audience.

Other Support: Include for all investigators with the title Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator, or Co-Investigator. Use current NIH format form in Competition Space.

Application: Use templates provided in Competition Space and combine into one PDF for submission. Format specifications: Arial 11, single-spaced, 0.5 inch margins. The application is modeled after NIH.

Rebuttal: Required for Accelerating Synergy resubmissions (1-page limit, template in Competition Space).

Proposal Narrative: Page limits and suggested section lengths are below.

1. Specific Aims (1-page limit): Describe concisely the overarching research vision for your external NIH large-scale grant and all gaps you must fill to become a competitive applicant. Include the hypothesis, specific aims, expected outcomes and impact that are specific to this Accelerating Synergy project. Explain how team composition and synergy among investigators are integral to the success of the Accelerating Synergy project. Finally, explain how this Accelerating Synergy project will lay the foundation for development and submission of a competitive large-scale grant.

*5-page limit for sections 2-7*

2. Background and Significance (~ 0.75 pages)
   - Explain the importance of the central, overarching scientific problem that the proposed research team will address in the external large-scale grant.
   - Describe how members of the research team possess distinct and complementary expertise that, when coordinated, will uniquely address the scientific problem.
   - Describe all gaps you need to fill to become a competitive applicant for a large-scale grant, and specifically identify which gaps the Accelerating Synergy project will address.
   - Describe the scientific premise for the Accelerating Synergy project, including consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of published research or preliminary data crucial to this pilot application.
   - Briefly discuss any research activities outside the scope of the Accelerating Synergy project that support pursuit of the overarching scientific problem.
3. Innovation (~ 0.25 pages)
   - For the Accelerating Synergy project, describe any novel theoretical concepts; approaches or methodologies; instrumentation or interventions to be developed, refined, or used; and any advantage over existing methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions.
   - Explain how combinations of scientific fields and intellectual viewpoints are necessary to address the research goals.

4. Approach (~ 3 pages)
   - Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the Accelerating Synergy project.
   - Include preliminary data that support the feasibility of accomplishing the specific aims.
   - For trials that randomize or deliver interventions to groups, describe how your methods for analysis and sample size are appropriate for participant assignment and delivery of intervention.
   - Discuss potential problems and alternative strategies.

5. Timeline (~ 0.25 pages)
   - Include a table, with a quarterly timeline for completion, of critical milestones for the one-year Accelerating Synergy project. Define specific metrics for each milestone.
   - Indicate relevant activities, and the frequency of their occurrence, that will position your team to develop a large-scale grant (e.g., publications, planning meetings).

6. Leadership Plan (~ 0.25 pages)
   - Describe management and decision making processes that will promote collective input for the Accelerating Synergy project objectives.
   - Identify methods for attributing contributions in publications and for resolving conflicts.
   - Describe plans for the replacement of key personnel as needed prior to external grant submission.

7. Impact and Future Plan (~ 0.5 pages)
   - Describe the immediate and long-term impact of the expected Accelerating Synergy project results, particularly as they align with your overall research vision for the external large-scale grant.
   - Indicate the specific external NIH funding opportunity announcement to which you will apply and explain how your overall research vision, in combination with the data you obtain from the Accelerating Synergy project, will position you as a competitive applicant.

* Sections 8-14 are not included in the 5-page limit*

8. Vertebrate Animals (if applicable, no page limit)
   - For Accelerating Synergy projects involving vertebrate animals, follow NIH directions for completing: Description of Procedures, Justifications, Minimization of Pain and Distress, and Method of Euthanasia.
   - If your application receives a fundable score, it will proceed to a second level of review by NIH. In such cases, you will be required to provide additional vertebrate animal information. NIH approval must be obtained before funds can be released.

9. Human Subjects (if applicable, no page limit)
   - For Accelerating Synergy projects involving human subjects, follow NIH directions for completing: Protection of Human Subjects; Inclusion of Women, Minorities and Children; Recruitment and Retention Plan; and Planned Enrollment Table.
   - If your application receives a fundable score, it will proceed to a second level of review by NIH. In such cases, you will be required to submit additional human subjects documentation. NIH approval must be obtained before funds can be released.
• Applicants proposing to recruit participants for the Accelerating Synergy project are encouraged to meet with MICHR’s Participant Recruitment Program prior to submission. Awardees will be required to meet with the Participant Recruitment Program before funding is released.

10. Budget and Justification (use forms in Competition Space)
• The budget and justification must reflect the total dollars requested.
• The Principal Investigator must devote a minimum of 10% effort to the project (in-kind or charged to the grant). For Co-Principal Investigator applications, the combined effort charged to the grant cannot exceed 20%. Salary requests must adhere to the PHS salary cap.
• Include all personnel in the justification, regardless of whether salary support is requested. Provide a clear explanation for all personnel by position, the role they will play on the project, and the level of effort (if applicable). In most cases, positions labeled “TBD” will not be accepted.
• Unallowable items: Subcontracts with associated Facilities & Administrative costs, equipment, cost overruns, retroactive funding, hosting, grant preparation costs, graduate student tuition costs, salary support for fellows already funded by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education program, travel unrelated to the conduct of the research (eg, conferences), renovations, office supplies, or computers. This list may not be comprehensive, and the MICHR Pilot Grant Program reserves the right to deem costs unallowable. If you believe a cost listed above is necessary for the conduct of your research, preapproval must be secured. In most cases, exceptions are not approved.

11. Biographical Sketches
• Include a current NIH-style biosketch for each investigator with the role of Principal Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator, or Co-Investigator.

12. Letters of Support
• Collaborators with a significant role on the project should provide a letter of support for their participation. Letters are not required for Co-Investigators. A letter of support should be provided for any in-kind support included in the application.

13. Reviewer Comments (for previously unfunded external large-scale grant submissions)
• If this work, or portions of this work, has been submitted as an external large-scale grant but remains unfunded, reviewer comments must be provided.

14. Signature Page (use form in Competition Space)
• Sign off by the school, college, or department is required for the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator(s) to indicate agreement of the application budget and faculty effort.
• Sign off is also required for any other faculty, regardless of role, who will receive effort on the project.
REVIEW CRITERIA (modeled after NIH):

1. **Significance**: Does the overarching scientific problem proposed for the external large-scale grant address an important problem or critical barrier to progress in the field? Will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? Is the overarching research vision of sufficient scope, complexity, and potential impact to warrant a team-based approach? Will the coordinated research efforts uniquely advance a scientific field/community?

2. **Investigators**: Is the research team well-suited to the project, and do they have the appropriate complementary and integrated backgrounds and expertise? Do team members have a sufficient track record of funding and publication in the proposed area of research? Is each member of the research team necessary? Does the leadership plan address strategies for decision making and conflict resolution?

3. **Innovation**: Does the overarching research vision involve ideas or approaches that must be pursued using a large-scale grant rather than individual projects (e.g., R01s)? Will the Accelerating Synergy project utilize novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools, or technologies in the field(s)? Does the research in the Accelerating Synergy project involve innovative combinations of scientific fields and viewpoints?

4. **Approach**: Are the proposed methods and expected outcomes well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the Accelerating Synergy project? Are the proposed timeline, milestones, and metrics appropriate for accomplishing the specific aims?

5. **Environment**: Will the Accelerating Synergy project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements? Is there synergy to be gained from the involvement of multiple schools, colleges, departments, and/or external partners?

6. **Large-Scale Grant Feasibility**: What is the likelihood that the research team will submit a competitive external large-scale grant within two years based on 1) alignment of the proposed research and team with their stated external FOA of interest, 2) expected outcomes of the Accelerating Synergy project and 3) collaborative history.
MICHR ACCELERATING SYNERGY AWARD: APPLICATION GUIDELINES (Grant Development)

Grant Development Mechanism

Please note that you must have submitted a required letter of intent to be eligible for a MICHR Accelerating Synergy Award.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: September 9, 2019

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Applications must be submitted in UMMS Competition Space. Please use provided forms and templates when applicable.

WRITING STRATEGY: The primary purpose of the Grant Development mechanism is to support the effort and resources needed to prepare your external large-scale grant for submission. As such, the Accelerating Synergy application should be written as an abbreviated version of your external large-scale grant. If you are also requesting funds for pilot data analyses or publication, delineate plans for those activities in the section entitled Plans for Funding.

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Face Page and Project Summary: Complete using the form in Competition Space. The project summary (250-word maximum) should be written using language that can be understood by a non-scientific audience.

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Progress Report: Required for previous Accelerating Synergy Positioning Awardees (1-page limit, template in Competition Space). Summarize the specific aims of the previous project period, the progress made towards their achievement and the importance of the findings. For studies recruiting participants, discuss previous participant enrollment.

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6. Plans for Funding (~ 1 page)
• Describe how Accelerating Synergy funds will be used to prepare your large-scale grant for submission, particularly as they relate to effort and resource allocation (eg, faculty effort, project management, administrative support).
• If you seek funds for pilot data analyses/publication in this Accelerating Synergy Award, explain your plans and the gaps it will fill.
• Indicate the specific NIH external funding opportunity announcement to which you will be submitting.
• Include a table that identifies critical milestones in grant development (and data analysis as needed) and a quarterly timeline for their completion.
• It is expected that your large-scale grant will be submitted at the conclusion of the Accelerating Synergy funding period.

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4. **Approach:** Are the plans for the external large-scale grant presented as a coherent and fully integrated set of specific aims around a central hypothesis? Is the overall strategy, methodology and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims?

5. **Environment:** Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements? Is there synergy to be gained from the involvement of multiple schools, colleges, departments, and/or external partners?

6. **Large-Scale Grant Feasibility:** What is the likelihood that the research team will submit a competitive external large-scale grant within one year based on 1) alignment of the proposed research and team with their stated external FOA of interest, 2) expected outcomes of the Accelerating Synergy project and 3) collaborative history.