



College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College

2012 Dr. Gayle Berg Endowed Research Fund for Inter-Disciplinary Research in Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Application Guidelines Application Deadline: June 1, 2012

Submit your online application beginning May 15, 2012 at:
www.bu.edu/cpr/berg

The Dr. Gayle Berg Endowed Research Fund is the result of the largest gift ever awarded to The College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College. The award was made by alumnus Dr. Gayle Berg to further inter-disciplinary research in the psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery of individuals with psychiatric disabilities. The goal of the Fund is to “support and make viable the continued development of multifaceted, interdisciplinary research which is in the critical next phase of its growth”. Dr. Berg is a psychologist in practice in New York.

We intend this award to support preliminary or pilot innovative inter-disciplinary research that can lead to the development of new interventions or new knowledge designed to improve the quality of life and functional outcomes of individuals with psychiatric conditions. The Fund will support up to \$15,000 for one year of preliminary inter-disciplinary research which will allow faculty, staff or fellows of Sargent College to either extend their research or facilitate innovative new research paths. We anticipate awarding 2-3 grants each year depending on the size of awards and the availability of funding. Awardees may apply for a second year of funding if they are successful in their first year research activities.

The research must be relevant to the rehabilitation of serious psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, severe major depression, or severe anxiety disorders in adults. The proposed research must also be geared towards preparing the applicant for a next step in addressing the research question, including plans for obtaining further grant support. The Gayle Berg Endowed Research Fund will also consider methodologically sound, innovative research proposals aimed at generating preliminary data to explore new hypotheses in ongoing research studies that could not be conducted without additional funds. Examples of such supplemental funding include the development of fidelity instruments or novel measures in an ongoing study. We will also consider proposals that involve the testing of new hypotheses in existing databases for which data analysis resources are not available.

Grant applications will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary review committee of Sargent College faculty members. Final decisions will be made by July 1, 2012.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must have a doctoral level degree (e.g., Sc.D., M.D., Ph.D., Psy.D., Dr. P.H. etc.) and be employed by or in residence as a fellow at Sargent College. Pre-doctoral students or investigators are not eligible.
2. Applications must be **submitted by June 1, 2012**, no later than midnight (ET).
3. Awards can be for one year and up to a maximum of \$15,000 per year. **Institutional overhead will not be paid on the Dr. Gayle Berg Endowed Research Fund.**
4. The Fund allows considerable flexibility in the budget: equipment, stipends, etc., are all acceptable as long as the support is critical to the research project. The Fund will not support salaries of the PI or other key personnel. However, salaries are allowable to support research assistants or individuals (as examples) providing direct services or interventions.
5. Applicants are eligible for a maximum of two awards; prior grantees can apply for a second grant. However, grants cannot overlap in time, nor can more than one application be submitted per cycle. Only 1 principal investigator (PI) is allowed per application.
6. Grant approval notifications will be emailed to the PI on July 1, 2012. Earliest grant start date is August, 2012.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Grant applications should be submitted using the forms and instructions found online at: www.bu.edu/cpr/berg.
2. Applicants should follow the order of the application as follows: Cover letter, abstract, narrative, budget, references, tables, and figures. Pages should be numbered and should not exceed the number in the instructions. The cover letter and abstract do not count toward the narrative page total.
3. Use a running head format and put the applicant's name and a short title in the upper right corner of each page.
4. Applicants should use a minimum of an 11 point font with 1 inch margins.
5. Applicants should submit a letter assuring institutional support (1 page) – which includes the applicant's institutional signature (i.e., Chair of their Department, Dean of the College), thereby signifying the institution's acceptance of these guidelines.
6. The body of the proposal should be no longer than 3 pages without references or appendices. The narrative should describe the project activities and goals in sufficient detail to be reviewed and should include: the importance of the problem, the research design and methodology, sample, instruments, how data will be collected and analyzed, and potential next steps for obtaining additional funding. Individuals applying for a second year of funding should follow the same guidelines for initial applicants. In

addition, the applicant should explicitly state that the application is for a second year of funding and address how the goals of the research study can be met with this additional funding.

7. Figures, tables, and diagrams can be a maximum of 1 page long and are not counted in the 3-page limit.

8. The applicant is limited to 15 references or citations.

9. Budget (2 pages) – Applicants should submit a line-item budget and a budget justification explaining how each line item relates to accomplishing the project goals. Applications must not exceed \$15,000 per year. The budget statement should define the unique contribution of this grant to applicant's research activities and note the impact of this grant on other institutional support available to applicant. Specific assurance that receipt of this grant will not result in duplication of funding or reduction of support from the host institution is required. The applicant's research funding must be listed, and should include any support pending, as well. (Equipment purchased as part of the Fund award is the property of Boston University.)

10. Cover letter and Abstract (less than 500 words) – the first two pages of the application should contain a cover letter addressed to the Fund and a 500-word abstract which contains a summary of the research project. If the proposal is funded, this material may be used in the Fund's announcements;

11. Collaborator Letter (1 page, optional) – Applicants should include a letter of intent and commitment from key project collaborators addressed to the applicant, briefly explaining their commitment to the project.

12. C.V. of applicant and all key personnel (4 pages) – NIH biosketch OR the biography portion of the curriculum vitae only, with current grant support listed.

13. The PI of the award agrees that all future presentations and publications that emanate from the funded work will acknowledge receipt of grant funding by the Dr. Gayle Berg Endowed Research Fund.

Note: IRB approval for human subjects must be verified at the time of the grant award as well as institutional acceptance of the Fund's Grant Agreement.

We will not review applications that do not adhere to these guidelines.

The award is available to faculty, staff, and fellows affiliated with Sargent College only.

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