

# Proposal for Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities Research Pilot/Exploratory Grant 2021-2022

## **About the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities:**

The vision of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities is to lead local, national, and global efforts in bioethics and medical humanities that improve healthcare education, delivery, research, and scholarship. The mission of the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities is to advance bioethics and medical humanities at Northwestern and beyond through education, innovation, clinical application, and thought leadership

## **Purpose:**

The Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities will fund pilot/exploratory grants that support research in bioethics and medical humanities. This award will provide funding for pilot/exploratory projects that explore an important emerging or unanswered bioethics problem in clinical care, biomedical research, public health, or healthcare policy. The aim is to support preliminary work that will provide a foundation for obtaining funding to support larger research projects.

Preference will be given to proposals with a clearly delineated plan for obtaining subsequent extramural or internal funding.

## **Award Information:**

Projects can be up to one year in duration. Awards up to \$2,500.00 (total costs) will be granted.

## **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for a pilot/exploratory project grant, applicants must be one of the following:

- A Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine medical student, resident, or fellow\*
- An employee of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, or Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital\*
- A Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine faculty member

\*All medical students, residents, fellows, and employees should identify a Northwestern University faculty member mentor with whom to collaborate. Mentor qualifications and plans for mentor oversight should be described in the proposal.

Applicants must have the backing of a department or center who can receive the funds in full and process all payments related to the project. Applicants may apply to no more than one grant per year from the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities.

## **Requirements:**

All awardees will agree to the following:

- Apply for membership to the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities.
- Present results of the funded research at a conference sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities.

- Prepare two progress reports, one halfway through the period of funding, and one at the end of the period of funding.
- Acknowledge funding from the Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities in presentations and publications.

**How to apply:**

Applications should not exceed 5 pages and should include the following:

- A completed Cover Page (included below; 1 page)
- A proposal narrative with the following headings (up to 3 pages):
  - o Specific Aims
  - o Background and Significance
  - o Approach
  - o Next Steps
  - o Timeline
  - o Mentor qualifications and plans for oversight (Applies to all non-faculty applicants)
- Budget with budget justification (1 page)

Please submit all application components in one email to Bryan Morrison at [bryan-morrison@northwestern.edu](mailto:bryan-morrison@northwestern.edu)

**Review Criteria:**

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Background/Significance - How well does the applications describe the background and need for the research? If all the specific aims are achieved, would the project make a significant/important contribution to this field and how significant/important is this contribution?
- Approach - Are the strategy, methods, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the aims?
- Mentor qualifications and plans for oversight (If applicable)
- Plans for subsequent funding - Are the plans for obtaining subsequent funding adequately described? What is the likelihood of obtaining subsequent funding?

**Important Dates:**

- Deadline for submitting applications: October 1, 2021 at 5 PM CDT
- Funding decisions communicated: November/December 2021

**Questions:** Please contact Bryan Morrison ([bryan-morrison@northwestern.edu](mailto:bryan-morrison@northwestern.edu)) with any questions.

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*Cover Page*

**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amount Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Investigator:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your affiliation:

- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine medical student
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine resident or fellow
  - Please indicate Department/Division \_\_\_\_\_
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine faculty member
  - Please indicate Department/Division \_\_\_\_\_
- An employee of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, or Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital (please specify):
  - Northwestern Memorial Hospital
  - Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
  - Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsements:**

Faculty mentor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of faculty mentor: \_\_\_\_\_