

# Gout, Hyperuricemia, and Comorbidities

## Request for Applications for Pilot Studies

**Overview.** The NIH funded INvestigationS In Gout, Hyperuricemia, and comorbidities (INSIGHT) Center of Research Translation (CORT) invites letters of intent for pilot studies that address novel scientific questions related to the themes of the CORT: *“gout, hyperuricemia, and associated comorbidities (e.g., hypertension, obesity, kidney diseases)”*.

**Eligibility.** This program supports full-time faculty investigators in medical, behavioral, clinical, and social sciences at academic institutions in the US who are eligible to receive NIH funding. We encourage applications from interdisciplinary research teams, underrepresented minority applicants and faculty at all ranks.

**Application Procedure.** This funding mechanism involves a two-phase application process (see Key Dates for details). For Phase 1, applicants are requested to submit the following documents as a single PDF file via email to Elizabeth Rahn ([elizabethrahn@uabmc.edu](mailto:elizabethrahn@uabmc.edu)) no later than:  
**12 June 2018 at 5:00 PM CST**

The central goal of the INSIGHT CORT Pilot Studies Program is to support translational projects that align with the mission of the INSIGHT CORT, which include improving the healthcare of patients and reducing the societal burden of gout and hyperuricemia. With this mechanism, the INSIGHT CORT will support one 2-year pilot with the hopes that these pilot funds will seed an R or similar series NIH grant application.

### Key Dates

Letter of Intent Due	12 June 2018 @ 5 PM CST
Invitation for Phase 2	6 July 2018
Review Process Completed and Awards Announced	August 2018
Start Date of Awards	September 2018

1. Letter of Intent (limited to 2 pages, excluding references), to include: Investigative Team, Specific Aims Significance & Innovation, Approach, and how your project facilitates and expands on the translational themes of the INSIGHT CORT: gout, hyperuricemia, and associated comorbidities (e.g., hypertension, obesity, kidney disease).
2. NIH Biosketches of the PI and any Co-investigators
3. Budget and budget justification

Letters of Intent selected for Phase 2 will be expected to give a 15-min presentation and be prepared to answer questions, either remotely or in-person, during our Internal/External Advisory Committee Meeting on 26 July 2018 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham, AL.

**Criteria for Review.** Emphasis will be placed on scientific merit and integration with the CORT themes. Applications responsive to this RFA should be translational and focused on gout, hyperuricemia, and associated comorbidities.

**Funding.** It is anticipated one pilot award will be funded. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 direct costs (\$25,000 per year). The second year of funding is contingent on a progress report detailing pilot findings and investigator plans to apply for future grant funding related to these findings. Indirect costs will be awarded at current federally approved rate. Awards are anticipated to be 24 months in duration.

**Questions?** For additional questions, contact **Elizabeth Rahn at (205) 996-6552** or email [elizabethrahn@uabmc.edu](mailto:elizabethrahn@uabmc.edu)

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