

**Civitan International Research Center
for Neurodevelopmental Disorders
Request for Applications (RFA)**

FCIDD McNulty Award (\$75,000/yr for three years) 2025

PILOT grant for Interdepartmental collaborative MPI submission

Proposal Deadline: May 30, 2025, 5 PM

Grant Start Date: October 1, 2025

Eligible Applicants: **Faculty at ANY level**

Award: **\$75,000/year for three years**

Submission Guidelines: filename = "LastName_McNulty2025"

Submit to: brownt@uab.edu (Tawanna Brown), CC: craigpow@uab.edu with Subject Line – "McNulty Application ContactPILastName"; a single .pdf filename "ContactPILastName_McNulty2024"

The Civitan International Research Center (CIRC) for neurodevelopment and neurodevelopmental disorders requests proposals for \$75,000/year for three years in pilot funds to foster interdisciplinary collaborations across more than one UAB Department and subsequent MPI grant applications.

The McNulty Award will fund interdisciplinary Clinical or Fundamental science research aimed at enhancing our understanding of typical and atypical brain development, autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disabilities, neurodevelopmental disabilities and malformations, impaired cognitive development, or the effects of environmental toxins on brain development.

This award may be used for any direct project costs except faculty salary.

Applicants should be UAB FACULTY at ANY LEVEL. **Proposals must include a component of interdisciplinary collaboration across at least two UAB Departments in preparation for an MPI grant submission.** Among applications of equal scientific merit, slight preference will be given to proposals with non-School of Medicine contact PIs. Although not a requirement, we welcome applications designed to create a patentable/marketable product.

Proposals should consist of a single PDF document containing the following components:

- 1. Two-page description of the planned research**
- Brief (less than one page) description of how this award will lead to a future MPI application submission, proposed date of submission, and to what funding entity and mechanism such an MPI application will be submitted
- Proposed budget
- Brief (less than one page) list of faculty PIs along with their title, primary department, UAB School/College
- NIH format biosketch or CV of the contact PI and collaborating UAB faculty member(s).

The contact PI should be clearly defined and should submit the application along with a statement from all MPIs/Co-Is indicating their approval of the application and budget proposal (this can be a one-sentence statement/letter).

The mission of the CIRC is to improve the well-being and the quality of life of individuals and families affected by neurodevelopmental disabilities; to provide interdisciplinary clinical and research training in neurodevelopmental disabilities; to utilize this knowledge to develop and provide high quality exemplary services and programs; and to exchange information in a timely manner with consumers, practitioners, scientists, and society.

Awardees (all MPIs) will be expected to be present at the Junior Civitan All In Summit Awards Ceremony in ~Feb. of 2026 and to speak to Civitan International members about their research once or twice during the year of award and the following years.