

Interdisciplinary Research Consortium on Stress, Self-control and Addiction (IRCSSA) Inter-Laboratory Faculty Training Program Application

The IRCSSA Inter-Laboratory Training Program provides mini-grants in support of training and mentorship in new areas of interdisciplinary research. The mini-grants are awarded for support of any of the following: (a) partial salary coverage; (b) research training activities, (c) workshops and courses; (d) research expenses incurred at home lab or visiting lab (or research groups). . The program is open to faculty members at the rank of Associate Research Scientist, Assistant Professor, or Associate Professor. The faculty member requesting support must clearly state the amount of funding requested and justify this request in the context of the interdisciplinary training experience being proposed. (See detailed description on page two.)

1) Postdoctoral applicant's name _____

2) Current year of postdoctoral training _____

3) Funding source of your current salary _____

4) Is this funding an NIH Training Grant _____

5) Primary lab mentor (name _____) has agreed to this proposal

6) Proposed visiting lab mentor's name _____

7) Describe training support requested (see *Mini-Grant description, on page two*) _____

_____ Amount of Mini-Grant request \$ _____

8) Proposed learning goal (maximum 100 words):

9) Proposed timeframe (earliest start date Sept. 8, 2008): From (month/year) _____ to (month/year) _____

10) Proposed hours per week in visiting lab _____ 11) Total number of weeks _____

12) Brief description of how this proposal will provide opportunity for synergy between IRCSSA labs and investigators (maximum 250 words):

13) Brief description of specific anticipated products (grant application, publication, etc.):

14) Attach budget (if applicable)

15) Attach applicant's curriculum vitae

Submission process and deadline: Send completed application and attachment via email to:
Sheila McCreven, IRCSSA Communications Director
by email to: sheila.mccreven@yale.edu
or by fax to: (203) 737-1272

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The IRCSSA Inter-Laboratory Faculty Training (ILFT) Program

ILFT Program training activities will include:

- 1) an individually mentored training program within a new area of research,
- 2) participation in an interdisciplinary team project in that new area, and
- 3) presentation of individual work in the IRCSSA Core Seminar Series.

The primary criterion for selection for the ILFT Program will be the degree to which participation in the program will facilitate a faculty member's interdisciplinary work and the interdisciplinary work of the IRCSSA.

The overall goal of the IRCSSA Inter-Laboratory Faculty Training Program is to provide research training, mentorship and support for those interested in developing interdisciplinary research careers in the areas of stress, self-control, and addiction. The program is intended to extend training of faculty members to areas beyond those of their primary mentor. The program consists of partial support for salary/stipend (no fringe costs), costs of training for the development of skills in specialized approaches, and other related research activities (see Mini-Grant description, below).

The research methods and content areas of the IRCSSA Inter-Laboratory Faculty Training Program can range from basic research areas, using human and animal models (e.g. molecular neurobiology, genetics, behavioral psychopharmacology) to numerous applied areas (e.g. therapy development, behavioral pharmacology, health services). Because trainees will have diverse needs and backgrounds, individually tailored programs of training will be developed rather than adopting a uniform training experience for all postdoctoral trainees.

With the guidance of both the primary and new faculty mentors, each trainee will develop a detailed training plan aimed at mastering the necessary skills required to conduct interdisciplinary research using methods or skills from the chosen new area. This plan recognizes areas already mastered, and maps out a timetable of tutorial experiences that target areas in which training is needed. This written training plan is composed at entry into the program, and progress will be reviewed by the U54 PI and Executive Committee, the Consortium's RL5 PI/Co-PI, and faculty mentors.

Requests for funding of expenses in the form of **Interlab Training mini-grants** will be considered as part of the ILFT Program. The range of funding available, to be paid to the home lab and/or host lab of ILFT award recipients, can be tailored to the research need. Two categories of funding include a) up to \$5,000 for smaller projects, and b) up to \$25,000 for larger projects. The applicant is allowed to include in his/her application for mini-grant funds those costs associated with the use of any new technique that the award recipient will bring back to the home lab (i.e. equipment, supplies, use of imaging scanners, subject payments, etc.), and/or cover costs incurred by the visiting lab that are directly related to the training of the award recipient (i.e. training materials, conference attendance, travel associated with training, etc.). The recipient of the ILFT award will retain his/her current employment arrangement with his/her home lab and a schedule of release time to the host lab must be agreed upon. (Please note: the ILFT Program does not cover fringe costs.)