

# Interdisciplinary Research Consortium on Stress, Self-control and Addiction (IRCSSA) Inter-Laboratory Postdoctoral 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 post-doc 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](mailto:sheila.mccreven@yale.edu)  
or by fax to: (203) 737-1272

+++++++ Applications must be received no later than **Friday, August 15, 2008 by 5:00 pm** +++++++

## The IRCSSA Inter-Laboratory Postdoctoral Training (ILPT) Program

ILPT 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 ILPT Program will be the degree to which participation in the program will facilitate a postdoctoral associate/fellow's interdisciplinary work and the interdisciplinary work of the IRCSSA.

The overall goal of the IRCSSA Inter-Laboratory Postdoctoral 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 postdoctoral associates 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 Postdoctoral 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 postdoctoral 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 postdoctoral 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 ILPT Program. The range of funding available, to be paid to the home lab and/or host lab of ILPT 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 ILPT 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 ILPT Program does not cover fringe costs.)