

A new round of Pilot Grants for UCSF faculty (only) is available through the **Wheeler Center for the Neurobiology of Addiction**, and the **Department of Neurology's Alcohol and Addiction Research Group**.

We anticipate making 2-3 awards this round, for projects of up to **2 years duration**.

The specific level of funding is not fixed, but successful requests will likely have total costs of between **\$50K and \$150K**.

Clear budget justification is essential, and more modest requests are more likely to be funded.

The primary purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate collection of necessary pilot data in preparation for external grant applications.

These awards are not intended to substitute for external funding, and proposed projects should not substantially overlap with existing funded projects.

Otherwise, any project with clear relevance to the neuroscience of addictive behaviors and drug/alcohol abuse is eligible, including investigations in humans, in animals, in vitro or in silico.

Preference will be given to proposals that:

- are clearly intended to collect necessary pilot data for a subsequent external application;
- do not overlap with previous submitted external funding proposals;
- involve novel collaborations between two or more PIs with complementary expertise or backgrounds (e.g. between a PI already established in the addiction field, and one new to addiction research).

Proposals should be concise (approximately 2 pages in length), plus up to one page of budget/justification. In addition, include an NIH-type Biosketch for each PI, that includes all current and pending sources of funding.

Please send proposals to joshua.berke@ucsf.edu by May 15th, 2021.

Decisions are expected by May 31st, 2021.

Anticipated funding start date is June 15, 2021.