

May 15, 2012

To Persons Interested in Pilot Project Research Training Grants:

The NIOSH funded Sunshine Education and Research Center at the University of South Florida is happy to announce the availability of grant funding for 2012-2013 to support pilot project research training (PPRT) in Occupational Safety and Health. The Sunshine ERC PPRT program is designed to promote partnerships with other institutions and groups in Florida and the region and to encourage research in occupational safety and health areas that are important to the region. The PPRT program is intended to act as seed money for larger research grant applications and to promote NORA (www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora/) through publications.

Pilot Grants are available to accredited colleges and universities in the Sunshine ERC region (Southeastern US). Other organizations will be considered on an individual basis. Grants are intended for doctoral level graduate students, medical residents, junior faculty, and senior faculty who are performing research in a new area. About \$ 70,000.00 is available for PPRT awards in 2012-13. Ten awards from \$2,500 to \$15,000 are planned. Application forms, guidelines, and review criteria are posted on http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/erc/NIOSH_pilot.htm

Applications must be received by June 29, 2012. It is expected that funds will be available in mid-August and all funds must be used and invoiced to USF by June 30, 2013. Cost Extensions are not allowed. Awardees selected by the Sunshine ERC will be notified by email; however, final approval by the local IRB as applicable must be given prior to the project start date. Each grant is a one-time award and a final report must be submitted to the Sunshine ERC by July 30, 2013. The report will describe the project results and a plan for submitting a grant application, papers and presentations, and other future research. In addition, the awardee or sponsoring faculty in the case of student awardees are expected to submit a manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal. The PI or sponsoring faculty of student awardees are expected to update the Sunshine ERC on publications, presentations and research applications for which the PPRT grant provided data.

PPRT grant applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 29, 2012. Please mail or deliver applications to:

Ms. Melinda Tyler
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College of Public Health, Sunshine ERC
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If you have any questions about the application process or the PPRT grants, please contact Dr. Yehia Y. Hammad (813) 974-9725 or by e-mail at yhammad@health.usf.edu. Thank you for your interest in the projects. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Yehia Hammad, Sc.D.
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