



## Request for Application Collaborative Pilot Award

### Northwestern University Center for Human Immunobiology

**Maximum funding level:** \$100,000

**Award duration:** 1 year project January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

**Eligibility:** Northwestern University Center for Human Immunobiology Faculty members

**RFA issued:** August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Application due:** October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

**Application notification:** November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Earliest start date:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

The Center for Human Immunobiology (CHI) is pleased to announce the Collaborative Pilot Award Request for Application. The goal of the Pilot Award is to foster collaborative research projects in Immunology between the CHI members. Eligible collaborative teams of two Faculty are invited to present proposals to support the Center mission in advancing our understanding and treatment of immune mediated diseases. Funds should be applied to generate preliminary results for grant applications to external funding agencies for more long-term projects.

#### **Format of the application:**

- Cover Letter (Title of the proposal, Applicants names and departments, Lab addresses)
- Research Plan:
  1. Lay abstract / description of the project, 250 words
  2. Research Strategy:
    2. Specific aims: 1 page
    - b. Proposal: 2 pages with figures
    - c. Bibliography: no page limit
- Budget justification for the proposed study (Funds used to provide salaries should not exceed NIH salary caps). No indirect costs are required.
- NIH Biosketches of all faculty within the team.
- Must be ready to submit/provide IRB and/or IACUC approvals before funding is provided.

Please send all the required documents in one PDF file to [immunology@northwestern.edu](mailto:immunology@northwestern.edu) with subject line: *CHI Pilot Award*

**Evaluation:**

Collaborative Projects will be evaluated by the Pilot Award Review Committee of the CHI Steering Committee, chaired by the CHI Director. Proposals will be scored based on scientific merit, impact on immunology as the primary research focus, and likelihood of the project to lead to successful external grant submissions.

**Post Award Information & Requirements:**

- Nanostring in partnership with Dr. Dulai will supplement the winning proposal with 2 slides worth of free reagents for CosMx without any technical cost. Please note there is no obligation to use CosMx and/or have a transcriptomics component in your proposal.
- Awardees will be invited to present their research project progress orally at the CHI Retreat which will be held in July 2024.
- Awardees will acknowledge the CHI in publications resulting from the Pilot Award support and will notify the Center when such papers have been accepted and the results of grant submission based on pilot data generated as part of the project.

**Contact:**

For requests for additional information, questions, or assistance, please contact Kaouther Ajroud, CHI Scientific Research Program Director ([Kaouther.ajroud@northwestern.edu](mailto:Kaouther.ajroud@northwestern.edu)). The deadline for the application is **October 23rd, 2023**.