

## **ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS QUESTIONS ABOUT PILOT PROJECT GRANTS**

Q: I am an assistant professor, and my initial nationally peer reviewed research grant was not renewed. Can I apply to my institution for an IRG?

A: Yes. Individuals whose initial grant was not renewed and who are still at the level of assistant professor may apply for an individual IRG--provided they are within the first six years of their independent faculty (or equivalent) appointment and have not received funds from the IRG before.

Q: What about personnel grants that are primarily intended for the junior investigator's salary, such as the NIH K series?

A: As long as the applicant meets all other criteria, holders of personnel awards are eligible to receive pilot project money from the IRG.

Q: I have a small grant from the local Division of the American Cancer Society, or a small foundation grant. Am I eligible for an individual IRG award?

A: As long as the grant is not the result of a national peer-reviewed competition and is for support of a different project, you may still apply for an IRG award.

Q: I am an assistant professor with an RO1 award, but want to initiate a project in a totally different area. May I apply for an individual IRG Award?

A: No. The IRG is intended for new investigators without an active (i.e., NIH, NSF, ACS) national competitive research grant, no matter what the topic.

Q: Is an individual eligible for more than one pilot project grant?

A: An individual grantee may receive a second year of funding for the same pilot project only. The award is contingent upon the local IRG committee's review and approval of a progress report. An individual may NOT receive a second grant to initiate a different pilot project.