



## SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (SWCOEH)

### New Announcement to Fund Short-Term High-Impact Research in Occupational Safety and Health Proposals Due September 15, 2020

The SWCOEH ([www.swcoeh.org](http://www.swcoeh.org)) sponsors a Pilot/Small Projects Research Training Program to improve workplace health and safety. The SWCOEH is a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Education and Research Center at the UTHealth School of Public Health (Grant No. T42 OH008421). The goal of this program is to provide support to new investigators and attract established investigators to the field of occupational health and safety, ultimately leading to new externally-funded research. Project Principal Investigators should be full-time faculty or doctoral students within Public Health Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas).

Detailed information on the application procedures, deadline for applications, and application forms are available at the SWCOEH Pilot Projects website:

<https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/swcoeh/pilot-projects/>

**NOTE THAT FOR THIS SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS, THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**  
***Submissions that do not follow these specific requirements will not be considered.***

**Availability/Use of Funds:** Approximately \$50,000 is available in the upcoming 2020-2021 fiscal year, ending on June 30, 2021, to fund up to 5 short-term, high impact research projects. The maximum total cost amount to a single project will be \$10,000 for both Research Trainee and Junior Investigators awards. New Researcher may apply for a maximum of \$20,000. Awards are made competitively and on a one-time basis for a maximum of one year (**with funding to end on 6/30/2021**) without possibility of renewal. Funding is contingent upon NIOSH's notice of renewal award to the SWCOEH for the corresponding fiscal year.

Funding is designed to directly support the implementation of the research plan. All applicants are encouraged to request that their institutions waive indirect cost requirements. Should indirect cost requirements not be waived, the program will only support up to 8% of the direct costs.

**Programmatic Interest:** All proposed projects must be relevant to the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) of NIOSH (see <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/programs>). Projects not addressing NORA goals and objectives will cause the application to be determined non-responsive, and will not be reviewed further.

**Key Dates:** A notice on Intent is required by email by August 31, 2020. Please include the name and contact information of the proposed PI, the participating institution and the NORA goals the project will address. The requested receipt date for proposals is **September 15, 2020**. Send the notice of intent and the completed application to [PilotProjects@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:PilotProjects@uth.tmc.edu). Awards will be announced in October 15, 2020.

**Contact:** For additional administrative information, contact Silvia Santiago, Program Coordinator, by E-mail at [PilotProjects@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:PilotProjects@uth.tmc.edu) or by phone at 713-500-9444. For programmatic and content-related information, contact Dr. Kai Zhang, Program Director of the Pilot Projects Research Training Program, preferably by E-mail at [Kai.Zhang@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Kai.Zhang@uth.tmc.edu) or by phone at 713-500-9249.

We would appreciate you forwarding this announcement (enclosed attachment) to all appropriate personnel at your organization. Thank you very much for your assistance and we look forward to receiving your applications.