**Pilot Project Application**

Funding up to $25,000

Duration of 1 year

Application due March 20, 2023

CHOSEN (<https://chosen.columbia.edu/>) is a University-wide Center that seeks to engage talent and resources across Columbia University’s Schools and Departments to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and harm reduction of substance use disorders through a lens of health and social equity. The Center holds a particular focus on opioid use disorder and the overdose epidemic continuing to afflict the U.S. with a particular toll on communities which have been systematically marginalized.

CHOSEN aims to bring together multidisciplinary expertise across Columbia University in an effort to combat the negative consequences of substance use and all of the intricately related constructs within, including implementation of and access to treatment in the context of social, gender, and racial inequalities. The goal is to focus attention on the barriers that impede access to high-quality, best practice treatment in marginalized and underserved communities, in part by training and supporting the next generation of diverse addiction researchers and clinicians who are dedicated to improving substance use disorder treatment.

**FUNDING COLLABORATORS**

* Columbia University School of Social Work
* New York State Psychiatric Institute
* The Brewster Foundation
* Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research

In partnership with our funding collaborators, CHOSEN is soliciting pilot projects to support research ranging from prevention and discovery to implementation of novel treatment approaches for substance use disorders and their common psychiatric and health comorbidities. Research that specifically addresses health inequities and/or that advances implementation science will be the focus of this awards cycle. Proposals will be evaluated on their capacity to address these issues and thereby should explicitly include a statement describing how this will be done. For example, proposals could address the following: target population(s) that are underserved with evident health disparities or who have been historically targeted through punitive “war on drugs” initiatives, incorporating innovative strategies designed to ensure representative recruitment and engagement; research questions that address social drivers of health and other factors that contribute to health disparities and inequities; and intervention or implementation strategies adapted to increase acceptability and effectiveness among population(s) experiencing inequities or who are underserved.

Pilot proposals should support preliminary research and data collection that could form the foundation for larger funded grants (e.g., NIH R-level grants or independent scientist awards). Successful proposals will articulate a long-term vision for such program development and funding. A critical focus of the pilot proposals should be interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary collaborations, with the goal of driving new partnerships within the University and local communities; as such proposals should draw talent from across two or more Schools or Departments, as well as consider ways of engaging partners from the community, across all phases of the project.

**Application Instructions and Guidelines**

**Budget.** Up to $25,000 for one year. No indirect costs are permitted.

**Eligibility.** All full-time faculty and research scholars or scientists within Columbia University are eligible. Must have a Research Scientist or Faculty title. The proposal must also include support and collaboration from a department other than the PI (i.e., if the primary PI is from the School of Social Work, they should include a collaborator from another Department such as Epidemiology, Psychiatry, Engineering, etc.). Women, underrepresented minorities, and MD-researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Application contents.** Application packet consists of:

1. Application document (pgs. 3+ of this document)
2. One (1) letter of support from a supervisor or chair of your department

**Deadline.** March 20, 2023 @ 5pm EST

**Contact information.** Questions and completed applications may be directed to Caroline Arout; please e-mail full PDF application package as one document to caroline.arout@nyspi.columbia.edu.

**Cover Page**

**Application Title.**

**Application Date.**

**Project Abstract.** *Limit of 250 words.*

**Principal Investigator**

**Academic Title & Degree(s)**

**Department**

**E-mail**

**Co-Investigator(s)/Collaborator(s)**

**Academic Title & Degree(s)**

**Department**

**E-mail**

**Internal Grant Administrator**

**E-mail**

**Amount requested.** *Not to exceed $25,000, no IDC permitted.*

**Applicant Demographic Information.** The Principal Investigator should complete this form. Before answering, please make sure to read about the [NIH’s diversity statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-031.html), the [NIH’s definition of a disadvantaged background](https://extramural-diversity.nih.gov/diversity-matters/disadvantaged-backgrounds), and the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](https://www.ada.gov/pubs/adastatute08.htm).

**Gender.** FemaleMaleOtherPrefer not to answer

**Ethnicity.** Hispanic or Latinx Not Hispanic of Latinx Prefer not to answer

**Race.** *Please select all that apply:*

American Indian/Native Alaskan

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

More than one race

Prefer not to answer

**Disability.**

I consider myself to have a disability

I do not consider myself to have a disability

Prefer not to answer

**Disadvantaged background.**

I consider myself to be from a disadvantaged background

I do not consider myself to be from a disadvantaged background

Prefer not to answer

**Project Description**

(*3-page limit*)

* **Specific Aims**
* **Background & Significance.** *Include a description of the proposal’s relevance to addiction science, as well as models or frameworks which specifically address health equity.*
* **Research Strategy.** *Include a) description of study team and role of collaborators and community partners; b) study methods/design; c) statistical approach; and d) description and use of institutional environment.*
* **Future Plans.** *Explain how the pilot study would inform larger, external funding such as that from the NIH. Describe how this project and data will impact future hypotheses and aims.*

**Budget**

(*not included in page limit, $25,000 limit for one year*)

## Budget Justification. *Prepare your budget justification in NIH format.* *Only direct costs are permitted. Detail expenses, explaining how funds will be used. Address any overlap between funds requested and funding already received for this research. Please include the following budget categories:*

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|  | Amount |
| Personnel *(no PI salaries permitted)* |  |
| Equipment |  |
| Study-related Supplies |  |
| Travel *(allowed only if essential to carry out project; limit of $500)* |  |
| Other Expenses |  |
| Total Direct Costs | **$** |

**Other Information**

(*not included in page limit*)

**Project Timeline.** *Include description and table*.

## References

**Biosketch.** *Include NIH biosketches (for faculty and research scientists) or CV/resumes (for non-faculty, non-academic collaborators, and community partners) for the principal investigator and co-investigators.*