



## **Cooperative Pilot Research Grant Fund – Request for Proposals**

The Louisiana Vaccine Center (LVC) and the South Louisiana Institute for Infectious Disease Research (SLIIDR), both funded through the LA Board of Regents, have teamed to provide a competitive Cooperative Pilot Research Grant Fund. Projects can be funded up to \$75K/year for 2 years. **This initiative is intended to foster the development of novel local multidisciplinary and collaborative research projects in the fields of infectious disease, immunity, and/or vaccine development.** It will address medium and long-term goals of LVC and SLIIDR that include new project and program applications funded extramurally, and discoveries with potential for clinical application and/or commercial development.

We are particularly interested in supporting applications that:

- address key issues in the scientific fields of vaccine development, microbiology, immunology, infectious disease and the host response to infection
- propose novel approaches
- are collaborative and multidisciplinary in nature, and
- make use of the Core Facilities developed/enhanced by LVC and SLIIDR

Emphasis will also be placed on those applications that support high quality translational research. Applications from new investigators and those from established investigators that propose new research directions are encouraged.

Proposals will be limited to a maximum of 5 pages as follows:

- Specific Aims, Background, Experimental Design (**3 pages maximum**)
- Description of collaborative nature, use of Cores, and long-term potential and plans for external funding, clinical application and/or commercial development (**1 page maximum**)
- Budget (personnel, equipment, supplies) – not detailed (**1 page maximum**)

Additional documentation required:

- NIH style Biosketches for PI and all Co-investigators
  - Including all pending grant applications
- NIH style Other Support for all key Personnel

The second year of funding will be contingent on satisfactory progress. Reporting will include an NIH-style progress report near the end of year 1. A draft of a grant proposal is expected near the end of year 2. Use of SLIIDR/LVC Grant Seekers sessions leading up to the grant proposal draft is encouraged.

Proposals must be submitted electronically by **Friday May 16, 2008** to [iivsp\\_reply@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:iivsp_reply@lsuhsc.edu). Receipt will be acknowledged by return email. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the steering committees of LVC and SLIIDR and decisions regarding funding will be communicated no later than June 16, 2008, with funding available for successful applicants beginning July 1, 2008.

Questions to clarify any outstanding issues can be submitted electronically to [iivsp\\_reply@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:iivsp_reply@lsuhsc.edu) beginning March 14th and ending April 4th. Answers will be posted on the LVC and SLIIDR websites (URLs to be advised in a later email) and will be available to all.