



2026 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Program Overview:

The Nebraska Center for Women's Health Research (NCWHR) is pleased to announce an opportunity for funding that is open to applications on innovative, significant projects focusing on women's health research. The purpose of this pilot project program is to sponsor high-quality, novel research, to foster the development of promising early-stage projects and encourage their transition to securing external funding.

Eligibility:

- All University of Nebraska faculty members with an academic appointment at or above the level of Instructor are eligible to apply for this funding.
- All project Principal Investigators must be members of The Nebraska Center for Women's Health Research. If you are not currently a member, please register here: <https://www.unmc.edu/obgyn/research/NCWHR/membership-form.html>
- Projects must focus on some aspect of women's health-related research.
- Principal Investigators cannot request contributions to their salary, equipment, or travel.
- Principal Investigators who have previously received NCWHR pilot project funding are not eligible to apply.
- If you have any questions relating to the registration process, please contact Research Administrator, Carrie Drummond (carrie.drummond@unmc.edu).

Funds Available:

One-year pilot project awards of up to \$25,000 will be made.

Funding Target Areas:

The objective of this RFA is to help initiate pilot studies that have the potential to develop into nationally funded, high-impact research projects. Priority will be given to collaborative projects with the highest scientific merit, which advance the goals of the NCWHR.

Application Guidelines:

The Research Plan should be a maximum of 3 pages in length, excluding references, and should include:

- Specific Aims
- Background, Significance and Innovation
- Preliminary data, if any
- Approach
- A statement as to how this award will enable the applicants to leverage future funding

A NIH biosketch for each investigator (5-page limit each)

A budget and supporting justification.

Formatting guidelines:

Application documents should use standard NIH formatting requirements (1/2-inch margins, Arial size 11-point font). A smaller font may be used for figures and legends.

Application Deadline and Submission:

Proposals are due by Sunday, October 19th by 11:59 pm CT.

Applications must be compiled into a single PDF file in the following order: Research Plan, Bibliography, Biosketch, Budget. Please name the file "NCWHR2026LastName" and submit it to the Nebraska Center for Women's Health Research at ncwhr@unmc.edu.

Awards will be announced on Monday, December 15th and funding will begin on January 1, 2026.