The University of Denver and National Jewish Health are seeking research studies employing innovative concepts and/or cutting-edge methods in health research. The successful proposal will articulate the intellectual merit and novelty and demonstrate a likelihood for follow-on funding, must include a lead investigator for each institution, and where possible incorporate the involvement of DU students. Seed money in the amount of $7,000-$10,000 is now available to support launching these projects and generate pilot data. Award period will be one year.

**DEADLINE: March 15, 2023**

**Eligibility, application procedures and review process and criteria:**

**Eligibility:** DU and NJH full-time faculty members are eligible. Projects must include investigators from both institutions.

**Application:** Application should be a single PDF document, typed in 11 font size with 0.5’ margins including:

1) Abstract / Project Description (<300 words)

2) A four-page research plan including
   a) Specific Aims
   b) Significance/Impact
   c) Approach/Design
   d) How research will enhance cross institution collaboration and lead to larger grant submission

3) NIH Biosketches of Applicant(s) in five-page format highlighting collaborative potential of the PIs

4) Itemized budget justification (salary support for senior researchers or PIs is not allowed). Budget should detail where work would be done and whether supplies are needed at NJH or DU.

**Review criteria:**

1. Excellence and innovation of the proposed studies and the applicants
2. Feasibility and likelihood of success
3. Likelihood of generating foundational data for future extramural funding
4. Likelihood of fostering collaboration across the two institutions/ Evidence that PIs research expertise complement each other
5. Provide student training opportunities.

Applications must be e-mailed to facultygrant@du.edu by 5:00 pm, March 15. Applications will undergo review by a review committee consisting of members from NJH and DU.

Awardees will provide a twelve-month final report. PI(s) will present their project and data the NJH Research Happy Hour. Questions should be directed to DU Senior Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education Corinne Lengsfeld at Corinne.Lengsfeld@du.edu or NJH EVP, Academic Affairs, Gregory Downey at DowneyG@njhealth.org.

National Jewish Health Faculty should work with their Programs Coordinator or Grants Specialist in creating a budget and complying with department policies. NJH will only require IRRs for awarded applications.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Application Due Date: March 15, 2023
Notification Date: Early Summer 2023
Anticipated Start Date: Late Summer/Early Fall 2023