

**BMB Pilot/Resubmission/Equipment grant program**  
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Background: Thanks to the work of former faculty member Dr. Richard Cummings, the sale of Selexys Pharmaceuticals Corporation to Novartis last year brought \$351,235 into the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. The College of Medicine has asked us to use this money for the Department's research enterprise. There is no time limit for spending it.

Discussion at the April 2017 Faculty meeting resulted in suggestions for a flexible approach. Faculty can submit a request for pilot funding, response-to-review funding or equipment funding that will be considered by the Department's Space and Resources Committee.

- Requests will be considered quarterly (deadlines June 30, September 30, December 31, March 31).
- Applications will consist of
  - Project Abstract (up to 30 lines)
  - Description of Need (1 – 2 pages)
  - Budget with justification. For collaborative projects, state clearly how much money goes to each lab.
- Pilot grants to develop a new project will be up to \$10,000.
- Response-to-Review grants (usually less than \$10,000) will be to cover one or more specific experiments required by reviewers so a revised grant will be more competitive.
- Equipment grants for an item up to \$5,000, or to supplement the PI's funds for a more expensive item. Equipment over \$5,000 can be requested if there are multiple users.
- Applicants must be actively seeking larger sources of support.
- This funding mechanism will be separate from the current Faculty Assistance plan (that covers personnel and basic supply costs) and the Graduate Student funding plan.
- An individual lab cannot request more than \$25,000 over the lifetime of this funding source. Collaborative project amounts will be divided among the participating PIs.