

## CIIS Pilot Grant FAQ

Question	Answer
1. Are you eligible for the Pilot Award if you received one in 2016?	Yes
2. Would a study such as texting patients to increase medication adherence qualify?	Yes. We are looking for projects that are either implementation science or improvement science. If you are examining the implementation of the texting intervention and how it improves adherence, that would qualify.
3. Is mental health within the RFA's purview?	Yes, all content areas are applicable
4. Is this grant intended to support the work of junior investigators in the way that a training grant might be, or is a seasoned, senior-PI also eligible to apply?	All investigators, both junior and senior, are eligible to apply.
5. Can pilot funding be used to support implementation/improvement projects led by Boston University faculty but that are conducted at other institutions?	Yes. Our preference is to focus on projects that address safety net settings and populations.
6. If I work at BMC and at another community center in Boston that is a primary affiliate of BMC, am I allowed to apply for the grant?	You are eligible to apply if you have an appointment as a Boston University faculty member. Fellows, residents, graduate students and other non-faculty are not eligible to apply.
7. I see that the application has a 6 page limit (including 1 page for the specific aims, 1 page for references, and 1 page for key personnel and staffing plan). Are there specifications regarding font type/size and margins?	Consistent with NIH guidelines, applications should be submitted in Arial, font size 11 with .5 inch margins.
8. Does the 3 page limit for the "Research Plan" component of the proposal include references? If not, may references be included in the comprehensive PDF as a separate section?	The 3 page limit for the "Research Plan" does not include references. You can include 1 additional page of references.
9. Are letters of support allowed in the application?	Letters of support are not required in the application. You may include a letter of support from the research setting to document feasibility.
10. If the award period starts 09/01/17, when does it end?	The award period ends 1 year after you receive funding.
11. If I am selected, will I receive the full amount requested?	In most cases, yes. Please note that the maximum award is \$15,000.
12. Can I use the funding to pay for research assistants?	Yes
13. Can the funding be used for a statistician who is BU faculty?	No. Data analysts, programmers and other research staff can be supported, but no faculty salaries can be supported.
14. When is the next cycle of funding?	The RFP will come out annually in the Spring (April 18 in 2017) and proposals will be due approximately eight weeks later (June 15 in 2017).