
ADARP Faculty Pilot Grant Support Program for Research on Alcohol and Drug Addiction

Spring 2026 Request for Proposals

ORSO Approval Deadline: 5 pm, Friday, March 20, 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Research Program (ADARP) is to foster research at Washington State University that will provide significant and innovative contributions to behavioral, psychosocial, biomedical, or clinical research on alcohol and drug addiction. Research proposals dealing with alcohol or any substance that is recognized by the NIH as an addictive substance as well as behavioral or food addiction are welcome. Projects should be directly applicable to addiction, harm reduction, prevention, or physiological effects of addictive substances. The project should enhance the ability of the investigator(s) to develop their research capabilities and demonstrate the merit of their research ideas, productivity, and creativity as a basis for extramural grant proposals. Questions about the suitability of an application should be directed to the ADARP office at least one week before the grant submission deadline.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications will only be accepted from WSU faculty members who are eligible as principal investigators (PI) to apply for funding from federal agencies (e.g., NIDA or NIAAA). New faculty and faculty members shifting their areas of research emphasis are encouraged to apply. A faculty member may submit only one faculty pilot proposal as PI.

Priority will be given to PIs who did not receive ADARP funding in the past two years and who supported the missions of ADARP by participating in grant review sessions at least once (if invited) in the past two years. Investigators seeking bridge funding or seed money for program-projects or training grants should contact the ADARP office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Awards are made for 18 months and limited to \$30,000. Budget for equipment may not exceed \$5,000, and equipment stays at WSU. Requests for conference travel and PI salary support will not be considered. Awards to each research group (PI and direct advisees) are capped at a total of \$65,000 per grant cycle.

This call for grants aims to promote WSU faculty research projects that have strong extramural funding potential. Typically, the funds will be used for pilot studies that provide the basis for an extramural proposal. Funds may be sought related to an extramural proposal that was previously submitted, favorably reviewed, but not funded. For such proposals, PIs are requested to include a copy of the grant, the critique, and the priority score to describe how the ADARP proposal will support the resubmission.

Grant proposals must be carefully developed and written to encourage positive reviews by a study section consisting of WSU faculty knowledgeable in the area of the proposal. External ad hoc reviewers may be solicited. Most committee members will have had a national competitive award. Applications that do not follow the formatting instructions will be returned.

AWARD PROCESS

Awards will be effective on or after January 1st, 2026, pending submission of the relevant human subject research or animal care protocol approval document to ADARP and the availability of a valid DEA drug license (if applicable). Initially, 75% of the approved funds will be awarded. The remaining 25% of funds will be awarded pending submission of an acceptable progress report or evidence of an extramural grant submission on the same topic.

APPLICATION FORMAT

Note: Grants must be written by the student PI with feedback from the Sponsor. Grants are submitted via e-REX by the home department. "ADARP" must be indicated in the e-REX Subagency field to direct the proposal to our office. All sections of the grant must be received on time for review.

- I. E-REX Form with ADARP in the Subagency field – (Submitted to the Sponsor’s home department with the application at least *5 business days* before the ORSO approval deadline. Please note, some departments require *additional processing time!* Consult your grant administrator in advance.)
- II. Face Page (name, position, department, submission date, proposal title, and abstract)
- III. Response to previous critique (for resubmitted applications only - maximum of 1 page)
- IV. Specific Aims (maximum 1 page)
- V. Significance
- VI. Innovation
- VII. Approach
- VIII. References
- IX. Detailed budget with brief justification (include employee benefits, equipment up to \$5,000; no computers, conference travel, or faculty salaries; total budget up to \$30,000)
- X. Biosketch (five-page NIH format including other support and description of overlap with this proposal; include biosketches for each co-investigator)
- XI. Plans for obtaining extramural funding and/or benefit to WSU or to the State of Washington
- XII. List of all intramural and extramural grant applications submitted in the past three years related to substance abuse research, if any
- XIII. Names of 5-6 possible reviewers (preferably from WSU, any campus, no current collaborators)

Maximum 6 pages For sections V-VII

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The proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

1. **Significance.** Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved?
2. **Innovation.** Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by using novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions?
3. **Investigators.** Are the PI and Sponsor well suited to the project? Do they have appropriate experience and training?
4. **Approach.** Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility, and will particularly risky aspects be managed?
5. **Extramural Funding Potential/Benefit to the State of Washington.** Is this project likely to generate extramural support and/or benefit the State of Washington?
6. **Budget.** Is the budget appropriate?

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