

Education & Research Institute Seed Grant Program

FAQs

What qualifies as a “clinical collaborator from Prisma Health”?

Anyone that is a Prisma Health team member and qualifies to be a Principal Investigator per the Prisma Health Institutional Review Board (IRB). The investigator qualifications are defined in the following IRB documents:

- Investigator Assurance Form, [link](#)
- Principal Investigator Responsibilities policy, [link](#) (*must have Prisma Health login*)
- Human Research Protection Policy and Plan, [link](#) (*must have Prisma Health login*)

Also, you may reference the investigator responsibilities as defined by the Common Rule ([45 CFR 46](#)) and the FDA (21 CFR [50](#), [56](#), [312](#), [812](#)).

May the award funds be used for USC medical student stipends?

Yes. Awards will be made in January, and thus, funds will be available the summer following to support both the [SOAR](#) and [SOARinG](#) programs. Contact the respective offices to ensure the appropriate amounts are budgeted and students are available to support the project.

Does the three (3) page limit on the proposal include the reference section?

No. References, while required, do not need to be counted as part of the three (3) page limit. However, the Specific Aims, the Background and Significance, and the Approach must be no more than three (3) pages in length.

Who should I contact at Prisma Health if I have clinical logistical questions?

Prisma Health's clinical department are served by a Clinical Research Unit (CRU) structure. The CRUs function as the research arm for departments and service lines to support industry-funded, grant-funded, and investigator-initiated studies. The CRU Directors serve as a resource for identifying partners, determining study feasibility, and defining appropriate research methods to be successful in conducting research in the clinical environment. In addition to the CRU Directors, each CRU consists of a variety of research managers, research coordinators, research nurses, and regulatory coordinators. These teams can be of assistance in all aspects of conducting clinical studies including budgeting, IRB submissions, data collection, patient enrollment and follow-up. Please reach out to the CRU Director prior to seed grant submission if your proposal will involve any patient or team member interaction or any patient data requests at Prisma Health.

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