



March 18, 2019

Dear Drs. Rabbi and Linden-Carmichael:

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded pilot funding from The Methodology Center. The award is \$19,150 and the funding period is March 11, 2019-March 10, 2020. The purpose of this funding is to enable you to develop a collaboration with Center scientists that ultimately will result in a successful proposal for external funding.

During the funding period you are expected to meet the following requirements:

- Meet regularly about the pilot project. The meetings can be in person or via teleconference/video conference.
- Attend all Center business meetings (Dr. Rabbi can attend via Zoom). These are held once per month on Thursdays, noon–1:30 p.m. in 401 Health & Human Development Building, during the academic year (in a week the brown bag is not held). In addition, there is one business meeting during the summer, usually held in July; this meeting may be scheduled for a different day and time. At this meeting all Center research personnel, including pilot project recipients, take part in our goal-setting exercise. Note that each of you must participate in the Center's goal-setting each month. The goals you set should be related to the pilot project.
- Present at a brown bag sometime during the Spring 2020 semester.
- Attend any required meetings in Susan Murphy's lab.
- Dr. Rabbi is expected to visit Penn State at least once or twice during the funding period to present and work with Ashley Linden-Carmichael.
- Dr. Linden-Carmichael is expected to visit Susan Murphy's lab at Harvard University at least once during the funding period.
- File 6-month (September 11, 2019) and 12-month (March 11, 2020) progress reports.
- Attend a two-day Center-wide research retreat in State College, PA in Fall 2019 if one is hosted.
- Acknowledge grant support for any work produced by this pilot project. Specifically, the grant acknowledgment should contain the following two sentences: "The project described was supported by Award Number P50 DA039838 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institute on Drug Abuse or the National Institutes of Health."

- Ensure that any peer-reviewed publications produced by this pilot project comply with the public access policy for federally funded research. Specifically, each publication must go through the compliance process and receive a PubMed Central identification number (also known as a PMCID).
- Submit an NIH Enrollment Table with your 6-month progress report and your 12-month final report.
- Obtain IRB approval.

Because this pilot funding is intended to help a researcher secure additional external funding, we will follow-up with you six and twelve months after your funding ends to discuss grant proposal(s) written with the assistance of this funding. Please feel free to contact Brenda Baney (blb41@psu.edu) with any questions you have about any of the requirements.

Congratulations on receiving pilot funding! I invite you to take this opportunity to become involved in the intellectual life of The Methodology Center, and to avail yourself of all we have to offer. In particular, many Center scientists have been successful obtaining external funding for their methodological work. These scientists would be pleased to offer any mentoring you feel would be helpful when you write your grant proposal.

Sincerely,



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