| **Center for Drug Discovery** |
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| **Center for Drug Discovery Pilot Grant Program****Application Instructions (Spring 2024 cycle)**  |

*The application must not exceed three (3) pages using the template with an 11-point font.*

*Parts 1-5 should not exceed one-and-a-half (1.5) pages.*

*Bullet points can be used but must be understandable.*

1. Submit completed application along with a current Biosketch or CV to Ron Dolle (RDolle@wustl.edu) by **5 pm on Friday, April 5, 2024**.
2. The Name(s), Title(s) & Department(s) of the Principal Investigator(s) are required.
3. The Project Type should be denoted.
	1. Biologics are products from recombinant DNA, and cell-based or viral interventions.
	2. The types of activities, *e.g.*, Screening/Med Chem, etc. should be indicated. More than one activity can be included, if applicable.
4. Include a non-confidential *Project Title.*
5. The *Therapeutic Hypothesis* should briefly summarize the problem (the indications and limitations of current approaches) as well as the hypothesis to be addressed. The latter includes the type of therapy envisioned, how it would be deployed, and the expected improvement over the current standard.
6. The *Target Defined* section provides an opportunity to describe the target(s), their relevance to treatment and the means to prosecute them in a manner that is safe, efficacious, and practical.
7. The *Project Status & Enabling Expertise* should briefly summarize the current project status and why the PI(s) are well-positioned to advance the project towards its goals.
8. *Competitors or Partners.* Briefly summarize competitors (private or public sector) and why your project has an unfair advantage over them. Also indicate potential downstream companies or investors, who might carry the work forward.
9. The *Proposed Investigation & Milestone(s)* should outline the studies to be conducted. Distinguish the overall goal from milestones along the way that will allow you and CDD to assess progress towards the end goal.
10. *Project Funding.* Indicate the current funding status for the project. Describe specific plans for follow-on extramural grant applications and how a CDD pilot grant may help.
11. The *Budget & Milestones*must be conveyed in a manner that provides for an objective assessment by CDD staff of progress towards the overall goal. A generic example is provided. The budget should not exceed $50,000 and 12 months. Break the project into ***no fewer than*** two milestones and provide a budget for each. Indicate the success criteria for each milestone that will enable CDD to release the next tranche of funding. The budget section can deploy a 9-point font. *Note: An inability to break the project into milestones will decrease enthusiasm during the judging process*.