

TCC Shark Tank FrequentlyAskedQuestions (FAQ)

## **Eligibility**

Q: I have significant experience working with vulnerable communities, yet I am new to health policy research. Am I a competitive applicant for the Shark Tank Competition and TCC PiloProject Program?

A: Investigators at various levels of research experience have successfully applied to the Pilot Project Progra We are looking for Shark Tandandidate and prospective grantees who exhibit passion, subject matter expertise, and a commient to advancing health equity. We anticipate the most successful applicantes will b those who: 1) propose well-organized and feasible concept paper; 2) demonstrate the knowledge and experience needed to carry out the project they propose; effectively articulate their research plans during the Shark Tank pitch.

Please understand that the TCC Pilot Program is bfuthding mechanismand aresearch development program. We work diligently with pilot project grantees to ensure their research the program with pilot project grantees to ensure their research beild by sound, display scientific rigor, and eexecuted with fidelity. We provide ample shared resources, capacity building opportunities, and technical assistance to support the development project grantees.

## Shark Tank Concept Paper Submission

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policy impact. It is vitally important that we clearly understavindat you propose to diffunded, and why it is important to informing health policy and practicle/e expect you to be concise yebrough in preparing your concept paper.

Q: Do I need to register to be considered for the Shark Tankompetition?

A: Yes, event regitration is required to participate in Shark RaPlease register prior to submitting your concept pape<u>http://www.msm.edu/tccsummit</u>

Q: If I am selected as a Shark Tankcandidate will I need to attend the Summit inperson?

A: Yes, you must be physical present at the ummitto compete in the competition. All candidate must secure their ow travel and lodging accommodation attend the Summit. Please see the event webpage for more details on air travel and lodging the travel and lodging travel attend the Summit.

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All application components must be completed before your application is submitted to NIMHD for review and final approval. Therefore, we STRONGLY recommend be proactive and plan ahead for full application submission process. Check the TCC Pilot Project website to view some of our application resources and sup documentation <a href="http://www.msmtcc.org/pilotproject">http://www.msmtcc.org/pilotproject</a> possible, fart the FWA and IRB processes as early as possible to prevent administrative delays and expedite the review process. The Pilot Project Program coordinator will assist prospective grantees complete all application components.

Q: What information should be included LQ WKH <sup>3</sup>3+6 5HVHDUFK 3ODQ 6HFWL

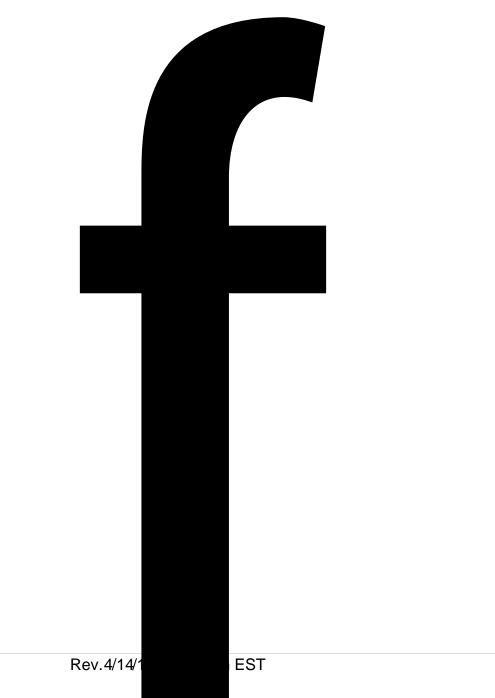
A: The Research Plan is comprised of the specific almost ge) and Research Planix pages sections. This is a major component of the application and should be carefully prepared. Below is some general graiblance to approach these sections:

Specific Aims (1 pagenax):

State the overarching goals for your proposed research project, and describe at least two special aims to be achieved by the end of the project performance period.

Research Plan (6 pagessax)

 Background and Significance: Describe the community served by the pilot project and the community identified health disparity, its causes and possible solutions. Also, describe the impact of the health problem in the community. This may include epidegrical for population *Consultant Costs:* Please include expenses associated with all consultants, collaborators, and other parties who will serve a role in the execution of the project (e.g. evaluators, statisticians, etc.). Please note hat stipends are not blow, all expenses; all c4 T4(ipends a)[(note t)] Wh b-3(n(ipends a)5(rep74



Morehouse School of Medicine as their designated IRB of record. These fees may be covered using F&A/IDC costs requested in your project budget.

Q: Can you please explain the Final Aplication Review Process in more detail?

A: Once all final application components have been prepared, your final application will be submitted to our NIMHD Program Officer and Grants Management Specialist for review and final approval. Please ndte that al application components must be in place before **app**lication will be reviewedThere may be additional requests for information during the final review process. Prospective grantees are expected to respond immediately to all requests in order to pretvavoidable administrative delays. The Pilot Project Program coordinator (Dr. Divine Offoegbu) will liaise all communications and information exchanges. The final application review process is typically completed withit the special application substitution, barring any administrative delaysGrantees will be notified of their final approval bynail.

Q: What happens after my full application is approved?

A: Upon favorable review and approval by NIMHD, shark tank winners will be designated as Pilot Project Grantees and sign122-monthResearch Subaward Agreement with Morehouse School of Medicine TCC. The anticipated start date for the-1120nth pilot project (barring any administrative delays) Assignst 4, 2016

Q: Do we receive the full balance of our award upon final approval and contract execution?

A: No. Our institution does not allow "up front" payments. To receive initial payment you will be asked to par