



Armin Grams Memorial Research Award

Call for Proposals 2024-2025

Purpose and Goal

In recognition of Armin Grams, PhD and his commitment and passion for aging, the Center on Aging a call for proposals for pilot research projects that will lead to extramural funding in aging and longevity research. The overall goal is to increase funded research at the University of Vermont focused on aging and longevity. Key areas of interest for the Center include the research focused on quality of life of older Vermonters, aging in rural areas, innovations in healthcare communication with older adults, caregiving and aging, resilience and longevity in Vermonters.

Eligibility:

The PI must be a member of the UVM/UVM Medical Center faculty. Early career faculty, Adjunct faculty, and those with no prior research funding must have an identified mentor in their department. Joint PI proposals, in particular, across different colleges is strongly encouraged.

Award Amount: \$75,000

Budget requests must not exceed \$75,000 total. The applicant's home department or college must provide matching funds 1:2, such that if the Center on Aging funds \$50,000 then the home department(s) will provide additional \$25,000. Funds may not be used to supplement existing research grants, to provide interim support, or to support previously funded research. Funds cannot be used on equipment over \$10,000 or travel over \$1,000. Applicants requesting less than \$25,000 do not need to secure matching funds. The award may be used over one or two years. Unused funds at the end of two years will be forfeited.

Due to the time frame of this pilot grant, if human subjects are involved then the application should include documentation that IRB protocol has been submitted or is under review. IRB approval must be acquired by the time of funds released, and award will be contingent upon approval. If secondary data analyses are anticipated, then data use agreements should be requested and received prior to the award start date.

Reporting Requirements

Written Reports: A progress report, which includes financial reporting, is due every six (6) months during the grant period and be limited to 1-2 paragraphs.

A final report is due within sixty (60) days of completion of the grant and is limited to 2-5 pages. Availability of award funding may be delayed or cancelled if recipients fail to meet progress report deadlines, comply with award guidelines or fail to meet proposed project goals and timelines.

Presentations: You will be expected to present your research at a Center on Aging sponsored lecture/seminar, and you may be asked to give a lay presentation to the community.

Publications resulting from support under this mechanism must contain an acknowledgment such as "Supported by a grant from the Center on Aging at The University of Vermont". A copy of every article with the appropriate acknowledgement should be sent to the Center on Aging.



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Deadlines

Proposal deadline is April 30th, 2024. Funding will commence on July 1, 2024.
Proposals should be submitted electronically on [infoready portal](#).

Questions:

Please refer questions to the Center on Aging klcheung@med.uvm.edu.

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**2024 Armin Grams Memorial Research Award
Application Details**

Funding period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Title page of your application should include:

Title of Project:

Lead Applicant(s)

Applicant 1 Name & Title:

Department/Program:

Email:

Phone:

Applicant 2 (if applicable)

Name & Title:

Department/Program:

Email:

Phone:

(Repeat as necessary)

Total Requested: \$ _____

ARE HUMAN SUBJECTS INVOLVED IN THE RESEARCH? ___ YES ___ NO

ARE VERTEBRATE ANIMALS INVOLVED IN THE RESEARCH ___ YES ___ NO

FUNDED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN IRB APPROVAL BEFORE FUNDS ARE DISBURSED

SIGNATURES OF LEAD APPLICANTS:

Your signature(s) indicates your agreement to comply with all relevant rules and regulations as described in the Armin Grams Memorial Research Award Call for Proposals.

Applicant 1

Applicant 2

(Applicant's printed name and signature)

(Applicant's printed name and signature)



The second page of the application should include:

- A. Abstract: (Limit 200 Words):

*Abstract should be comprehensible to a broad audience, not specific to the discipline(s) of the project.
Abstracts for research selected for funding will be publicly available.*

- B. Describe how this research project seeks to explore new questions or new avenues of investigation for the applicant(s):



The third page of the application should include Detailed Budget:

Total budget may not exceed \$75,000 (2:1 matching funds- \$50,000 from Center on Aging and \$25,000 from home department or college)

Fill in those areas for which you will have costs and add additional lines as needed (1 page maximum).

Total Requested: _____

Detailed Request:

Category	Budget amount
Animal maintenance/Animal cost	
Consultant services/consultant contract service	
Equipment (over \$5,000)	
Facility Use Fee/Facility & Equipment Rental	
Human subject costs	
• Inpatient costs/inpatient care expenses	
• Outpatient costs/outpatient care expenses	
• Other costs/services and other expenses	
Publication costs	
Supplies	
Travel (up to \$2000 allowed)	
Other*	
Salary**	

*Other (Explain in Budget Justification Section) _____

**Salary and Fringe (use separate line for each individual and provide name and role along with salary and fringe). Salary is not allowed for tenure track faculty with the exception of summer salary for those on 9 or 10 month contracts for this Award’s effort during the summer months. If you plan to fund a graduate student as a Graduate Assistant, salary must meet the minimum Graduate College rate. Graduate students currently supported on assistantships cannot work above their assistantship effort on this Award.

Budget Justification (limit to one page):

Justify costs for each category in your budget. For each person with a salary, please describe in detail percent effort on the project and indicate base salary. For 9-month tenure track faculty, please detail the calculation of requested summer salary. For supplies, indicate major categories in this justification. Include any items listed under “other” in Detailed Request.

Other Funds: Please describe here how you have secured matching funds from your department or college for this application.

Leveraging Funds: Describe your plans for leveraging the Armin Grams Award funding for future extramural proposals. Please provide specific details and timeline.



Remainder of Application:

Please include project description and references. Upload abbreviated CV or NIH Biosketch for each of the project leaders directly to InfoReady. Specific directions for each component follows:

Project Description:

Provide details of the project in the context of the Armin Grams Memorial Research Award Goal and Purpose. (Limited to six single spaced pages with at least 11-point font.)

The description should include Specific Aims (1 page), Research strategy (5 pages maximum).

Research strategy should include the following:

Background (<1 page)

Significance of the proposed research (<1 page)

Innovation (<1 page)

Preliminary data if available (1-2 pages)

Research design and methods (2-4 pages): Key methods and statistical approach, anticipated outcomes/products, plan for how the proposed research will lead to extramural funding, timeline of the proposed research and for submission of the extramural grant.

References/Bibliography: (no page limit)

No limit to pages. Use appropriate format for your discipline.

Faculty CV/NIH biosketch:

Upload to InfoReady an abbreviated CV or Resume limited to five (5) pages per person for all faculty/staff involved in the research.