



A RED SOX FOUNDATION AND
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL PROGRAM



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are there specific areas of interest that will be considered?

Home Base is specifically interested in advancing one or more of the following areas of clinical or translational research related to the invisible wounds: post-traumatic stress, TBI, impact of invisible wounds on family relationships, interventions to improve wellness among Service Members/Veterans.

2. What is the dollar amount of the funding?

Projects should be budgeted at up to \$50,000 for a 1-year study, and up to \$100,000 for a 2-year study, inclusive of 20% indirect costs. If there is one clearly meritorious application, it may be funded at \$150,000 over two years. If there are two equally meritorious applications, they may be funded at \$75,000 each. If there are two meritorious applications, one of which is for 12 months and the other for 24 months, the former will receive funding up to \$50,000 and the latter up to \$100,000. The Home Base Scientific Advisory Council will provide guidance on the length and budget of successful applications.

3. What format should I use for the budget?

Please use the standard MGB Research Management (RM) budget template, located here:

<https://partnershealthcare.sharepoint.com/sites/phrmResources/Pages/Forms.aspx>

When complete, convert Tabs 2, 3, and 5 to PDFs, and merge these into a single PDF.

If you need assistance, please contact your grants manager, department administrator, or Alan Berkeley, Home Base Research Manager, at aberkeley@mg.harvard.edu.

4. Does the same amount need to be budgeted for each year of the award?

No, as long as year-to-year differences are justified in the Budget Justification section. Awards will be of one or two years duration.

5. Can the proposed research involve human subjects or laboratory animals?

Yes. It can involve human subjects, laboratory animals, or both. IRB and/or IACUC approval will be necessary before studies can begin.

6. Is the award open to existing teams of collaborators, new teams, or both?

Both. If the project builds on an existing collaboration, it must measurably strengthen the team and address a new scientific question which falls within the scope of the RFP.

7. Does the PI need to belong to any particular department?

No. Investigators from any MGB department are encouraged to apply.

8. Are co-PIs / multiple PIs allowable?

Yes. In the Key Personnel section, please specify the unique contributions of each PI to the project and describe how their complementary expertise is essential for the project's success.

9. Do all team members need to have MGB staff appointments?

PIs/co-PIs must have their primary appointment at MGB. Subcontracts to other institutions are not allowed. However, Independent Contractors (aka external Consultants) are allowed. Please discuss with your HR representative and/or MGB Supply Chain before adding any Independent Contractors to your

budget. There are many aspects to the contracting process, including a series of qualifiers that need to be addressed before MGB can determine if an Independent Contractor can be paid.

10. Can postdoctoral fellows apply?

Postdoctoral fellows cannot serve as a PI or co-PI, but may be included within the study staff, and can receive salary support.

11. Will applicants receive feedback?

Specific scores will not be shared with applicants. Upon request, applicants would be given brief feedback to the extent it is recorded during evaluation and scoring of the application.

12. Who should I contact with additional questions?

Email Alan Berkeley, Home Base Research Manager, at aberkeley@mgh.harvard.edu with additional questions.