

The Perinatal Research Consortium

Request for Application (RFA) to Join the Consortium

Overview

The Perinatal Research Consortium (PRC) is an integrated system of research centers with sufficient patient volume and expertise to perform research requiring large and diverse patient cohorts. PRC members strategically apply their combined expertise through well-organized, structured, and stimulated opportunities for research. The PRC has developed a centralized contract/budget mechanism and Central IRB process. This centralized and collaborative approach provides a one-stop resource for research sponsors and grantors, develops a distinct identity dedicated to perinatal research, and promotes greater thinking and results through group effort. This collaboration expands the patient base diversity and volume, strengthens the capacity of key institutions and forms relationships that expand opportunities for innovation and discovery bringing this consortium to the forefront of women's health research. The Perinatal Research Consortium can accomplish more than each organization would be able to accomplish separately. Further details about the PRC can be found at: <http://perinatalresearchconsortium.org>

Vision: The Perinatal Research Consortium (PRC) is a destination research consortium that develops and performs the highest quality research in Perinatal and Women's Health and serves as a research resource for individual researchers, institutions and sponsors.

Mission:

- 1) To provide the intellectual capital to optimize conceptual and design elements needed to develop important and innovative Perinatal and Women's Health research.
- 2) To provide infrastructure and operational expertise needed to efficiently and economically implement and complete research protocols with a variety of study designs and diverse populations, whether investigator initiated, cooperative trial group derived or industry sponsored.

Goals

- To develop and evaluate new technologies to improve health care for women and their infants
- To engage in research that has the potential to change clinical practice
- To perform work that translates basic discoveries into clinical care
- To train and develop research scientists
- To strengthen inter-institutional collaborations
- To maintain flexibility in pursuing various sources of funding
- To be efficient in the business of research, so that the PRC provides a positive revenue stream to its member institutions

A culture has been developed where research is an expected part of patient care. This has required that all physicians become accustomed to following clinical investigational protocols and consider all patients potential study subjects.

This infrastructure, along with the participating institutions' clinical and scientific commitment to women's health has created environments that enable the development and evaluation of new and cutting edge technologies, the performance of clinical research leading to evidence based changes in practice, the training and development of research scientists, and collaborations with superior basic scientists. The PRC assures continuation of successful past performances and serves as a springboard for future research growth.

Participating Institutions

Columbia University, NY- Coordinating Center
Christiana Care Health Systems, DE
Cooper University Health Care, NJ
Geisinger Clinic, PA
ICAHN School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY
New York-Presbyterian/Queens, NY
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
 Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, NJ
 New Jersey Medical School, NJ
St. Peter's University Hospital, NJ
Temple University, PA
Yale University, CT

Purpose of this Application

The PRC is looking to expand its participating organizations with an institution or multiple institutions that will collaborate in research focused on women's health.

Key Dates

Application Posting Date:
January 3, 2024

Application Due Date:
February 29, 2024

Application Instructions

The PRC Application for Participation attached to this RFA must be completed and submitted by the due date above. It is critical that all components of the application are completed and all questions are answered. Applications from centers within driving distance of the current consortium members (New York/New Jersey/Pennsylvania/Delaware/Connecticut) will be given priority.

There is an annual membership fee for consortium members that may be partially or completely offset by revenue generated through participation in funded research.

Additional Information on Eligibility

Applicants should:

- Have significant experience conducting NIH and/or industry sponsored research.
- Provide evidence that they are actively engaged in research.
- Bring new, creative research to the consortium.
- Have the facilities and resources to conduct research and support the PRC centralized approach including central budgeting, contracting and utilizing a Central IRB.

Application Review

Once the application is received it will be reviewed by the PRC's Strategic Growth Committee. The reviewers will consider each PI/Institution and their overall experience and support to conduct research. Applicants will be notified by April 1, 2024 if they will proceed to the next step, presenting their Institution at the PRC Steering Committee meeting on May 3, 2024.

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