



March 2007

South Central MIRECC *Genesis Award Program* *Call for Letters of Intent (LOIs)*

Overview

- ❖ Letters of Intent (LOIs) are now being accepted for the South Central (VISN 16) MIRECC Genesis Award Program. **A mentor is required.**

The **Genesis Award Program** is for investigators who are new to mental health research and offers awards up to \$12,000. In contrast to the Pilot Research Study award program, Genesis Awards are not required to be linked to a larger planned grant proposal, and a mentor is required. All MIRECC Core and Affiliate Research Investigators and Fellows are eligible to apply.

- ❖ On the basis of LOI review, selected investigators will be invited to develop full proposals.
- ❖ The FY2007, second round, calendar for submission deadlines are as follows:

LOI for MIRECC Pilot Study due	September 1, 2007
Invitations for full pilot study application	October 1, 2007
Pilot Study Proposals due	December 3, 2007
Funded Proposals Announced	January 7, 2008
Pilot Funds Distributed	Approximately February 20, 2008

Format for Letter of Intent

- ❖ In addition to providing a **CV or bio-sketch**, including a **listing of currently funded projects**, interested applicants should provide a **one-page narrative** (no smaller than Arial 11-point font) addressing the items listed below. Junior investigators are reminded to submit their LOI's through their mentors.
 - 1) Purpose – State the objective of the proposed study and briefly describe how this supports the South Central MIRECC Mission and priority areas, as applicable.
 - 2) Rationale/Hypotheses – Identify the hypothesis(es) and the empirical basis, theory, and/or conceptual framework of the study that supports the hypothesis(es).
 - 3) Methods – Provide an overview of study design and methodology, including an outline of the statistical approach.
 - 4) Resources Request – Identify the expected duration of the study, the estimated total cost, and a brief (one sentence) summary of cost justification.
- ❖ **If invited to submit a full proposal, a four-page narrative will be required.**
- ❖ South Central MIRECC Genesis Award Program Letters of Intent should be sent to Melonie Shelton, via fax 501-257-1718, or via email: msshelton@uams.edu. Questions may be directed to Melonie at 501-257-1971 or to Dr. Lauren Marangell, South Central MIRECC Associate Research Director at 713-798-3832 x 4. **Letters of Intent for this cycle are due September 1, 2007.**