Frequently Asked Questions for GEAR 2.0-ADC Round 2

Before Submitting Your Application

1. *When is the GEAR 2.0/EMF/West Health Institute Pilot Grant application due?*
   The application deadline is **11:59PM ET, Friday, January 20, 2023**.

2. *Where can I find information about the submission process and needed documents?*
   Information about submission process can be found at https://gearnetwork.org/2022/08/17/2023-24-pilot-project-gear2-funding-opportunity/ AND https://www.emfoundation.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/

3. *Will there be an opportunity for me to ask questions of the GEAR 2.0 leadership team?*
   Yes, on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 11:00am Eastern Time the GEAR 2.0 leadership will host virtual Office Hours. To attend, you need to register at https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIocu2pqjgsH9fei_i1qQgPuoGuaHzFHiH4.

4. *When is the pilot expect to be awarded?*
   Successful applicants will be notified in May 2023. The expected start date for this award is July 2023.

5. *Where do we submit the application?*
   Applications are submitted at https://emfoundation.aibs-scores.org/.

6. *How many awards will be funded?*
   We will fund up to three one-year pilots grants, each worth $150,000 in total costs.

7. *Who is providing the funds for the pilot grants?*
   There are four funding sources:
   - GEAR 2.0: $82,000
   - EMF: $15,000
   - West Health Institute: $23,000
   - Your Institution: $30,000 (required minimum support demonstrated)

8. *What is the allowed Institutional Overhead rate (indirect rate)?*
On the funds provided by GEAR 2.0 and the West Health Institute, the Institutional Overhead rate is 10%. EMF does not allow any (0%) Institutional Overhead to be charge to money it awards.

Preparing Your Application

1. *Is there a budget template form available?*
Yes, an Excel workbook can be found here and at on the GEAR 2.0 RFP webpage.

2. *How many Co-PIs can be on my project?*
There is no set limit on the number of PIs allowed on the Pilot Project Grant. At least one PI must have a primary faculty appointment in Emergency Medicine.

3. *Are criteria weighted based on importance for Application Evaluations?*
No, all six criteria will be considered together when grant applications are reviewed. Each application will be judged on the following criteria:
    1. The relevance to research priorities established by the GEAR 2.0-ADC.
    2. The transdisciplinary study team.
    3. Significance of the project to emergency care of persons living with dementia (PLWD) and their care partners.
    4. Innovation.
    5. The soundness of the research approach.
    6. The likelihood the project will be successfully completed and lead to further research funding.
A significant emphasis will be placed overall on how well the proposal addresses disparities and health equity as part of its proposal.

4. *Where should I send grant questions?*
Please send all grant application questions to both Cynthia Singh (csingh@acep.org) and Anna Crawford (gearnetwork@yale.edu)

5. *I received a grant in a foreign country from the equivalent of the NIH of the United States to run a national trial of people with severe dementia visiting the ED. Do you think the GEAR 2.0 dementia focused grants would include in scope funding a US arm of such a trial?*

If the US arm could be finished within a year and meet the research priorities declared by the GEAR 2.0 consensus process, then such an application would be considered for funding.

6. *What are the requirements to be a principal investigator (PI)? / Who can apply for this pilot funding?*
The PI or co-PI must have a primary faculty appointment in Emergency Medicine. The PI's institution is organizes for humanitarian purposes and is established as a non-profit organization.

7. *Will the GEAR 2.0 team be available to vet ideas or have a dialogue to provide guidance towards submitting a strong application?*
The GEAR Network webpage, https://gearnetwork.org/2022/08/17/2023-24-pilot-project-gear2-funding-opportunity/ has useful information about the pilot award. If someone has specific questions requiring more detail, questions can be sent to both Cynthia Singh (csingh@acep.org) and Anna Crawford (gearnetwork@yale.edu).

8. *If an application is missing required components or has an error with its submission will the applicant receive a notification?*
The submission platform does not have an electronic checking system to notify if there are errors with your application. It is the applicant's responsibility to complete the application correctly. If there is an administrative issue, depending on what it is, someone may reach out for clarification.

9. *Would a trauma surgeon qualify as an Emergency Medicine faculty?*
No, but it would be encouraged to be involved and, on the proposal, especially if the proposal is trauma related. Someone from Emergency Medicine should also be in involved for their expertise in the acute case space.

10. *If there are co-PIs, do both need to be early career?*
The PI or co-PI must have a faculty appointment in Emergency Medicine. A priority for this funding is to bring support to early career investigators, but it is not a requirement. Not being early career does NOT disqualify you from this funding opportunity. The content in the seminars may be more geared towards early career investigators but are beneficial to people throughout the scope of their career.

11. *What qualifies as "institutional support"?*
The support can range from time for the investigator(s), research staff, an enroller

program that is utilized, staff within the department, support for a percent effort for a project manager, etc. This is flexible and can be creative. We want to see some level of institutional commitment for the applicant and is vested in their success and the pilot awardee is not covering everything on their own.

12. *If my GEAR grant is funded, will I have access to the MedRIC data, which is provided at no cost to NIA grantees?*

Yes, grantees should have access to the MedRIC data free of charge, while there may be additional services that are fee based. For budgeting purposes some things investigators should consider are the project/staff related costs for onboarding with MedRIC, coordination of the legal/DUA agreements, proving the linking file, programmer/statistician, uploading study data to the MedRIC platform, etc. Use of PHI/PII will need to be included and/or considered for linkages to Medicare data, DUAs, and consent/IRB approvals. *These items would all be the responsibility of the awardee, if awarded.*

After the Pilot Project Grant Is Awarded

1. *The awardee of our pilot project is changing university affiliations, but the other principal investigators are still at the university for which the award was made to. Can the award funds be transferred to the Co-PIs?*

No, all grant awards are awarded to the primary investigator the GEAR 2.0 Pilot Project Grant Proposal as they are assuming the responsibility of leading the sponsored project. Distribution of these monies is handled by the university affiliated with the awardee at time of application submission. Thus, if the awardee leaves the university or ceases research, the award must be returned to the respective funding source.

2. *Am I able to present my research findings at a non-emergency medicine conference that is taking place prior to ACEP?*

Yes, if the conference is not emergency medicine specific (i.e., Alzheimer's Association International Conference) the grantee is allowed to present their findings. The grantee would still be required to abide by the presentation policies of the conference at which they are submitting.

3. *What does the time commitment look like for webinars and core sessions if selected?*

The curriculum is broken up into the different core seminars. These average about 4 hours per month of time. Additionally, each grantee will have 3

research in progress sessions per year, each scheduled for an hour. Sessions are intended to be high value for the grantees and are expected to be attended. Sessions are open to members of the research team and are not restricted to the PI.