**Request for Applicants:**

**Innovations in Mental Health Aspects of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research**

The National Research Consortium (NRC) on Mental Health in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (MH-IDD) is seeking innovation research grant applicants with a focus on improving the health and well-being of individuals with MH-IDD service needs.

The application must clearly articulate how the project meets the NRCs mission. The NRC prioritizes four areas of grant funding: 1) the application of positive psychological methods; 2) the development of evidenced-based inclusive interventions; 3) building capacity to reduce service disparities; and 4) implementation of accessible measures. More information about the NRC can found [here](https://iod.unh.edu/national-research-consortium-mental-health-intellectual-developmental-disabilities). The NRC will prioritize applications that address racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities as well as utilize inclusive research practices.

The NRC is comprised of people with lived experiences in MH-IDD (including self-advocates and family members), caregivers, trainees, researchers, policy experts, and clinicians from over 30 organizations across the US including several UCEDDs, medical schools, state health departments, and service providers. Innovation grants are offered by the consortium to accelerate partnership with researchers in the development and implementation of evidence-based mental health diagnostic, treatment, and support practices for those with IDD.

The NRC will fund up to $70,000 ($35,000 over two years) per grant. Applications that request less funds are welcome. Projects with an existing IRB and/or standing grant, in which this project can serve as a supplement, will be prioritized. Thus, secondary data analyses are of great interest. Applicants must have a terminal degree (PhD, Ed, MD, etc.). Doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows are encouraged to apply if a faculty advisor serves as a Co-PI. Funds will be released following IRB approval. Applications require an institutional match, often represented as coverage of effort/salary. Matches can exceed the amount requested but cannot be less than the total award.

The application should be 4 pages maximum in addition to references and appendices. Font should not be smaller than 11-point and the margins must be at least ½”. Additional information may be requested for consideration by the NRC operations team and board. The application can be found on the next page. If funded, an initial, interim (every 6 months) meeting and final report are expected. Investigators are expected to present their study and findings at the NRC’s annual conference. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Luther Kalb (kalb@kennedykrieger.org), Chair of the NRC, Ms. Andrea Caoili (andrea.caoili@unh.edu), Director of Consortium Operations, or Dr. Joan B. Beasley, Director, National Research Consortium on MH-IDD (joan.beasley@unh.edu).

**NRC Project Proposal Submission Form**

*Submit completed application* [*here.*](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5iJcu3TI61XqAKi)

**Name/Position/Contact Information (email/phone)**

**Project Title**

**Organization**

**Project Aims**

**Background/Significance**

**How project supports and/or relates to the NRC mission/values**

**How does this project utilize inclusive research practices?**

**Research strategy (i.e., methodology, subjects, instrumentation, data analysis, etc.).**

**Dissemination plan**

**Project timeline, including how the PI will report progress of the research agenda**

**Personnel (roles and responsibilities of individuals involved in project)**

**Preliminary Budget/Requested Funds**

**Matching Funds, including amount and source**

**References:**