**Purpose:** The purpose of the Mayo Clinic & UWL Collaborative Seed Grant Program is to provide funds for projects that stimulate collaboration and synergistic proposal development between Mayo Clinic & UW-L investigators in areas of basic and applied research applicable to human health. Projects funded under this program should be well-designed and with clear milestones. It is the expectation that competitive proposals, based on studies funded by this program, will be subsequently submitted to extramural agencies or foundations for funding.

Investigators from both institutions must participate in the development and execution of proposed projects.

**Number of Awards and Amount:** Maximum of 3 awards of up to $20,000; $50,000 in total funding is provided in FY 2024 (with funds to be spent by 12/31/2024).

**Application Deadline:** Optional Letters of Intent are to be submitted by January 8, 2024. Proposals are due via email attachment to

[**MayoUWLResearch@MAYO.EDU**](mailto:MayoUWLResearch@MAYO.EDU)by 5 PM on January 22, 2024. Announcement of awards is intended by March 8, 2024.

**Post-Award Reporting Requirements:** Awardees will submit by December 1, 2024, a brief (1-3 page) report of the outcomes of the project that includes (1) Project title and investigators, (2) Project Period, (3) Objectives, (4) Results and deliverables, (5) Titles of extramural research proposals (and agency) submitted to intended to be submitted based on project results.

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| **Proposal Title** |  |
| **Co-Leader(s) and Primary Appointment(s)** | *Mayo:*  *UWL:* |
| **Collaborators** | *Mayo:*  *UWL:* |
| **Project Timeframe** |  |
| **Primary Institution (Site of Research)** |  |
| **Project Goals** |  |
| **Date Project to be Initiated** |  |

**Arial 12 pitch font size to be used throughout document, single spaced with one inch margins.**

**Abstract (500 words)**

**Lay Abstract, for Community Press (150 words)**

**Proposal Sections/Page Limits:**

1. **Project Objectives / Aims (one page)**
2. **Background/Significance (1-2 pages)**
3. **Innovation (half page)**
4. **Qualification of Investigators and Collaboration/Team Building Potential (half page)**
5. **Methods (2 pages; include sections below, if/as relevant)**

*Approach/Study Design*

*Sample type/Participants/Consent Process Study Procedures*

*Statistical Analysis/Sample Size Calculation (if relevant)*

1. **Expected Results/Outcomes/Deliverables (1 page)**
2. **Timeline/Milestones (half page)**
3. **References (only key references, < 30 key citations)**
4. **Budget**

Up to $20,000 may be requested for support of student help, technicians, supplies and consumable materials, research animals, etc. Principal investigator compensation, capital equipment (individual items > $5000), travel costs for scientific conferences and meetings, and institutional indirect costs are not supported by this program.

Document details as appropriate regarding participants, procedures, supplies and resource needs. The contacts listed below can help put these requirements into a budget.

Mayo Clinic – Carolyn Flock: [Flock.Carolyn@mayo.edu](mailto:Flock.Carolyn@mayo.edu)

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse – Dr. Ju Kim: [jkim@uwlax.edu](mailto:jkim@uwlax.edu)

[**Mayo Clinic UWL Pilot Grant Budget Template**](https://mchsintranet.mayo.edu/swwi/research/mchs-uwl-research-coordinating-committee/research-documents/mayo-uwl-seed-grant-cycle-2024)

**Human Subjects/Specimens**

Are human subjects involved? [ ]Yes [ ]No If yes, is there participant contact? [ ]Yes [ ]No

Add Site Data here: IRB handled which institutions? If yes, please describe consent approach and process:

Briefly describe how the study team will preserve confidentiality and assure human subject safety:

**\*If yes, complete IRBE protocol and application via IRBE system following approval by the Mayo/UWL Research Coordinating Committee, or** list previously approved IRB number (if applicable):

1. **Animal Welfare**

Are animals involved? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, what type of species will be requested? Where will animals be housed?

List Personnel Involved: If previously approved IACUC studies, list IACUC number: What institution? [ ] Mayo Clinic [ ] University of Wisconsin- La Crosse

1. **Data & Biospecimens**

**Please define if there are data or specimens being shared between both institutions and**

* 1. **Examples of this could include …PHI….**

Will Data/Biospecimens/other materials be transferred: No [ ] Yes [ ] If yes, define biospecimens/materials:

If yes, what data will be transferred:

If yes, is the data de-identified: No [ ] Yes [ ] or a limited data set No [ ] Yes [ ] If yes, the transferring institution is:

1. **Background Intellectual Property**

Do you have any intellectual property disclosures that are associated with this project? No [ ] Yes [ ]

If yes, please describe further:

Any background intellectual property that you will be sharing for the purposes of this project? If yes, who have you been working with at Mayo Clinic Ventures regarding that disclosure?

1. **Third Party(ies)**

Are there third parties/contracts associated with this project? No [ ] Yes [ ] If yes, what third party(ies):

If yes, party(ies)’ involvement:

If yes, please attach a copy of any third-party agreements

**Please send proposal by 5 PM January 22, 2024, to:** [**MayoUWLResearch@MAYO.EDU**](mailto:MayoUWLResearch@MAYO.EDU)

1. **Optional Supplemental Materials**

Applicants may also include NIH Biosketch or Other Support Document in addition to above.