



UW-GCRC Update

2005 GCRC Protocol Submission Deadlines

Deadlines for submitting protocols are listed below. All submissions should be electronic. See the UW-GCRC website, <http://www.medsch.wisc.edu/uwgcrc/index.html>, for more information.

- Thursday September 1
- Thursday September 29
- Thursday November 3

(email completed forms to dgale@biostat.wisc.edu)

Cover Photo: Philip M. Farrell, MD, PhD, GCRC Principal Investigator, Dean of UW Medical School

Dean Names New GCRC Director

Marc K. Drezner, MD, is the new Program Director for the UW-General Clinical Research Center. The appointment, effective Sept. 1, 2005, was announced by Dean Philip M. Farrell, MD, PhD, who is principal investigator for the UW-GCRC's NIH grant.



Marc K. Drezner, MD
UW-GCRC Program Director

Dr. Drezner succeeds William W. Busse, MD, who accepted the position as Chair of the Department of Medicine at UW. While the GCRC search was an internal one, there were 19 nominees for the position, with a final field of three candidates.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Drezner accept this position," says Dean Farrell, "especially in a time when we must submit a new competitive renewal application next June 1. He will be an excellent director for this challenging and important time and to build the center beyond 2006."

Dr. Drezner, a UW professor, is also head of the Section of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. He came to UW in 2000 from Duke University Medical Center, where he had been both chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Nutrition and director of the

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September 15 Deadline for GCRC Award Applications

The UW-General Clinical Research Center (UW-GCRC) will award \$40,000 this fall to support pilot studies in patient-oriented research through its Clinical Research Feasibility Funds (CReFF) program. The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, September 15, 2005.

Three main requirements for CReFF consideration are: (1) junior faculty status plus a mentor who has an active clinical protocol on the UW-GCRC (2) a pilot study seeking data for an NIH clinical grant application by the

applicant, and (3) using the GCRC as a primary research location.

Eligible for the CReFF award are junior faculty (with ranks equal to or less than assistant professor) or senior faculty who show a clear change in research career paths. Senior fellows (with rank of Clinical Instructor or Assistant Professor by the start date of the grant) are also eligible.

A subcommittee of the GCRC Advisory Committee (GAC) will review applications and make recommendations to the entire GAC,

who will make the final decision. Priority will go to investigators planning to pursue NIH clinical research funding, and only projects with high scientific quality will be supported.

Funding Start Dates

Awards will be made in early November, with funding available at the start of the new GCRC grant year, December 1, 2005. Plans call for supporting two (2) pilot studies up to

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Sarah W. Stedman Center for Nutritional Studies. He received his BS and MD degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

“There is a real opportunity to both prepare the UW-GCRC for the upcoming renewal, and to expand its use to more areas of clinical research,” says Dr. Drezner. “Our challenge is to show the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) what a fine job our GCRC is doing, and then to have the NCRR commit to our UW center.”

The new UW program director is familiar with the national GCRC program through previous experience at Duke, being an investigator on its GCRC. He is a co-investigator on a number of current UW-GCRC protocols as well, and has major NIH grant funding.

“I hope to talk with many GCRC investigators here at Wisconsin to obtain input on their needs and ideas about the GCRC renewal and the future,” he adds. “From personal experience, I know GCRCs offer a lot to clinical investigators, but I want more people to know that.”

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\$20,000 each. However, the GCRC may give more than two awards, but for lesser amounts.

Although the NIH reduced UW-GCRC support last year, some pilot funding was kept in the GCRC budget due to the importance of supporting new researchers.

Monies for the CR EFF awards are funded

by the GCRC budget, which is supported in part by the UW Medical School, UW Hospital and Clinics, and the UW Medical Foundation.



Junior faculty or fellows need to choose a mentor, who should be a co-investigator with his or her own protocol on the GCRC. Candidates for a CR EFF award should use the GCRC as their primary research location.

Application Formats

The CR EFF grant application should follow the format of the PHS 398, which is available at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>. Protocols will be reviewed for scientific merit, significance, scientific rigor of approach, innovation, and qualifications of the investigators.

For a complete description of the UW-GCRC and further instructions for submitting a protocol, go to <http://www.medsch.wisc.edu/uwgcrc/>.

If you have questions, contact Suzi Pertzborn at pertzbor@biostat.wisc.edu or at 263-5377.

You Should Know...

- **During October 4-7, the GCRC, as a UWHC unit, will be part of the survey conducted by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).** Be aware that your GCRC research project staff (including coordinators) on the GCRC may be stopped in the hallways or patient rooms by JCAHO surveyors for brief interviews. Potential questions are: (1) What are JCAHO's National Patient Safety Goals? (2) Questions about the informed consent process. (3) Emergency responses, such as the nearest emergency exit, fire extinguisher locations, explanation of R.A.C.E acronym, (4) How you would access the orange *Emergency Quick Response Guide*, (which should be located in every room and office). For instance, if you're asked what to do about a Bomb Threat, you could say you would check your *Quick Response Guide*. (5) Educating patients and families. If you have questions, check with GCRC Nurse Manager Mary Jane Williams at 3-0201 or mj.williams@hosp.wisc.edu.
- **When your study staff are on the GCRC, they must wear their identification badges, even if they are Medical School employees.** This is a UW Hospital policy that JCAHO surveyors may check. These badges say UW Health in the upper righthand corner, have the staff name and photo, and Medical School underneath the name if that group is the employer.
- **UW Hospital “appearance and dress” policy requires professional standards for employees affiliated with UWHC,** including: (1) no open-toed shoes in patient care areas (2) hose or socks to be worn with dresses, skirts, and slacks (3) a neat, clean, well-groomed and professional appearance should be presented at all times. For more detail, go to: www.hosp.wisc.edu/ and then choose Policies and Procedure Manuals in the righthand column. Double-click on the phrase and on the next screen, type 9.16 in the Keyword box. That will take you to the complete Employee Dress and Appearance Policy.