

JCOIN RAPID INNOVATION GRANTS PROGRAM (J-RIG) ONCE AGAIN FUNDING SMALL PROJECTS

The JCOIN Rapid Innovation Grant (J-RIG) program is a rapid funding mechanism to support small research grants to study newly emerging policies, practices, or interventions that address prevention and treatment of addiction in criminal legal settings. Applications should focus on substances associated with overdose and overdose mortality. Projects should have direct relevance to individuals who are involved in the criminal legal system but need not take place within criminal legal settings. J-RIG is intended to facilitate short-term projects that are not compatible with traditional National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding mechanisms for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, time sensitivity or pilot data collection. During its initial five years, J-RIG funded 13 small grants for a total of \$1.4M across 8 funding cycles.

We are happy to announce that the next Call for Proposals will be released on January 6, 2025. Across our next five years, we anticipate funding 12 small grants for a total of approximately \$1.6M. For those who are familiar with J-RIG, there are a few changes to consider, including: (1) an increase in funding – a maximum of \$135,000 in total costs for each project, (2) an offer of technical assistance for those who are not as familiar with grant writing or need help with research design, and (3) quarterly invoicing will be on a cost-reimbursable basis.

In future years, the J-RIG Call for Proposals will be released two (2) times per year, with funding expected in approximately six (6) months, barring any unforeseen barrier that may need to be addressed. These funding cycles are listed in the table below. *Any date that falls on a weekend/holiday will move to the next business day.*

Activity	Spring Cycle	Fall Cycle
Announcement/CFP available	January 5	June 1
Request TA assistance (if needed) no later than	February 9	July 6
Application closing date (11:59pm ET)	April 1	August 31
Funding decisions	June	November
Sub-award (contract) to awardee(s) anticipated	July	December

J-RIG welcomes both applicants who work in research environments *and* those who do not work in research environments, but could benefit from funding to study local initiatives, policy changes, or practice improvement efforts. J-RIG projects are also appropriate for developmental pilots, feasibility studies, evaluations, or other research broadly defined as foundational work for further research and practice. Project duration may be 6 to 24 months, with a maximum, regardless of project duration, of \$135,000 in total costs. We anticipate funding one or two projects in each funding cycle.

Further information will be provided in the formal CFP on the announcement date. For further information, see <https://www.jcoinctc.org/resources/j-rig/> and for specific questions, contact jcpilot@gmu.edu or Judith Wilde jwilde2@gmu.edu.