

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT (LOI) *Women's Health Innovation Scholar Program (WHINS)*

The Women's Health Innovation Scholar Program (WHINS) is an internal grant mechanism funded by philanthropic supporters of the Ludeman Family Center for Women's Health Research that fosters mentored research career development of early-career faculty who wish to develop independent careers focused on **women's health** or **sex differences research**. The Ludeman Center provides WHINS scholars with up to \$100,000/year in salary support and up to \$25,000 in benefits for two years with a third-year negotiable. The Ludeman Center also provides \$25,000 in annual project support during the funding period. WHINS scholar's departments/divisions must agree to cover salary/benefits gaps as well as \$10,000 in annual project support funds.

Requirements:

- Must participate in WHINS-related meetings and events; including conferences, reviews and trainings
- Must dedicate to research 75% of time for MDs and clinicians, 100% for PhDs
- Departments/divisions must commit to providing salary above the \$100,000 limit from WHINS, if there is a salary gap
- Departments/divisions must also commit to providing \$10,000 for project support for the successful candidates for each year of funding awarded (independent of salary gap augmentation)
- Must be postdoctoral fellow, instructor or assistant professor
- Must be an MD, PhD, PharmD or DO
- Preference will be given to projects that illustrate a pathway for translation to patient care
- Areas of focus for the WHINS include: cardiovascular disease, diabetes/metabolism, or the intersection of mental and physical health

IMPORTANT DATES

Announcement Date: August 25, 2025

LOI Deadline: September 26, 2025 by 5 p.m. MT

Invitation to Submit Full Proposal:
October 3, 2025

Full Proposal Deadline: November 14, 2025 (by invitation only)

Award Notification: December 12, 2025

Projected Start/End: January 2, 2026/December 31, 2027

Phase I – Request for Letters of Intent (LOI):

Letters of Intent for those interested in the WHINS grant are due on **September 26, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. MT**. Selected applicants will be invited by WHINS leadership to submit a full proposal.

LOI Submission Guidelines (see [WHINS Application Guidelines for complete details](#)):

The LOIs should be no more than two pages in length and include the following:

- ✓ Scholar, primary mentor and mentoring team name, rank, department/division, school/college
- ✓ Project title and focus area being addressed by this study
- ✓ Statement of commitment to women's health and/or sex differences research
- ✓ Scientific abstract including rationale, hypothesis, specific aims and design
- ✓ Literature references (not included in page maximum)
- ✓ Scholar's biosketch and list of publications (not included in page maximum)
- ✓ Current and completed grant funding
- ✓ Follow NIH format guidelines: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia fonts with a font size of 11 points or larger with a minimum of ½ inch margins
- ✓ Send submission in a combined PDF file to Carly Pilius at carly.pilius@cuanschutz.edu by 5:00 p.m. MT on **September 26, 2025**. Visit ludemencenter.org for more information.