#### RESEARCH PROPOSAL

#### Specific Aims (0.5-page maximum)

State concisely the goals of the proposed research. List succinctly the specific objectives of the research proposed, e.g., to test a stated hypothesis, create a novel design, solve a specific problem, challenge an existing paradigm, or address a critical barrier to progress in the field.

#### Research Strategy (1.5-page maximum)

## Significance

* Explain the importance of the problem in the field that the proposed project addresses.
* Explain how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge.

## Innovation

* Explain how the application challenges and seeks to shift current research.
* Describe any novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation or intervention(s) to be developed or used, and any advantage over existing methodologies, instrumentation or intervention(s).

## Approach

* Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project, including how the data will be collected (if applicable) and analyzed.
* If the project is in the early stages of development, describe any strategy to establish feasibility, and address the management of any high-risk aspects of the proposed work.

## Timeline

* Please discuss any component of this proposal in which funds or effort is directed to a source in a foreign country

## Potentials for Subsequent Extramural Funding

* Discuss how the pilot project will strengthen applications for external funding for subsequent extramural funding opportunities.