The UW Cystic Fibrosis Research Development Program (CF-RDP) is requesting applications for Pilot and Feasibility (P&F) Projects to be included in the competing renewal for the UW CF-RDP grant to be submitted Feb 1, 2015. Upon successful award of the competing renewal, each research project will provide an investigator with $50,000 (direct costs) per year for two years. We encourage translational projects that make use of patient materials that can be funded for up to $80,000 per year for two years. Translational research excludes exposing patients to experimental medicines and/or devices, using HIPAA protected patient information and using clinical samples obtained prospectively solely for the purposes of the translational project. No indirect costs are awarded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on these projects.

These P&F funds are intended to support young investigators entering the CF research field; established investigators proposing CF research studies that are a significant departure from their previous or ongoing studies; or established investigators who have not been involved in CF research and propose to apply their expertise to the problems of CF. P&F projects must present a testable hypothesis, a detailed description of methods and procedures including data analysis, and a discussion of the relevance of the work to CF.

Examples of relevant topics include but are not exclusive to:

- Pulmonary inflammation
- Pulmonary microbiology (e.g. *P. aeruginosa*)
- Bacterial-epithelial cell interactions
- Bacterial physiology and antibiotic resistance
- CFTR structure/function
- Lung transplantation

Applicants should submit a cover letter with suggested reviewers, face page, abstract, summary of relevance to CF, keywords, detailed budget and justification, facilities, biographical sketch, other support, and research plan (10 page limit including literature cited). Application guidelines and forms may be obtained from Donna Crist or Pete Greenberg at the e-mail addresses above. We highly recommend contacting Dr. Greenberg to discuss your intent to apply and specific aims.

Signatures from institutional officials (and/or a UW eGC-1 form) are NOT required for the application at this time.