

Pilot Project Program

The NIH-funded Brain Vascular Malformation Consortium (BVMC, U54 NS065705) is soliciting proposals for a one-year pilot project proposal. Proposals should focus on the following rare diseases and/or related outcomes in cerebral cavernous malformation (CCM), Sturge Weber syndrome (SWS), or hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT). <https://www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/cms/bvmc/About-Us>

Instructions:

Applications must include the following:

- Two-page research description in standard NIH format (Specific Aims, Significance, Innovation, and Approach). All proposals should include one additional page outlining the timeline and significant milestones, with clear go/no go criteria.
- NIH Biosketch for key investigators involved in the project
- Budget and brief Justification
- Applications must be submitted to Phillip.evans@ucsf.edu no later than **Friday, January 14, 2022**.

Funding:

- Pilot projects proposals will be capped at \$50,000.
- Proposals will be reviewed by the BVMC Executive Steering Committee and selected for funding based on the following criteria: clinical research potential in rare diseases, potential to enhance clinical trial readiness for any of the three BVMC diseases; thematic relationship to the aims and scope of the BVMC; scientific quality of the proposal; leverage existing BVMC (and RDCRN) resources and infrastructure, *especially patient registries/databases*; feasibility in projected time frame; ability to support promising junior investigators; ability to seed *new* collaborations that might lead to novel research concepts or therapeutic approaches; and ability to seed *new* collaborations that might lead to new grant proposals.
- **Anticipated Start date is July 1, 2022.**