**Frequently Asked Questions**

**The aim of this funding is to provide support for teams to ultimately pursue large NIH grants.**

1. **What are the deadlines for each quarter?**
   * Quarter 1 Deadline: September 30th
   * Quarter 2 Deadline: December 31st
   * Quarter 3 Deadline: March 31st
   * Quarter 4 Deadline: June 30th
2. **How much funding can teams apply for?**

There is no minimum or maximum amount defined for funding awards. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

1. **Can the Principal Investigator come from another institution?**

No, the Principal Investigator must be employed by the University of Houston.

1. **What type of research is funded?**

Research should be aligned with the goals of the [RCMI](https://www.healthrcmi.com/about). The RCMI seeks to translate innovative science into health services that save lives and reduce disparities. The RCMI accelerates scientists' capacity to conduct cutting-edge research that informs novel prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and intervention strategies that mitigate a broad range of disparities in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) use while strategically preventing the development of cancer in underserved communities.

1. **Can faculty and staff effort be included in the budget request?**

This funding is not intended to support faculty effort. Staff effort should be pre-approved and sufficiently justified.