The McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research is pleased to announce the availability of research funds for all full-time NYU faculty to support small-scale pilot studies that will facilitate the critical mission of the Institute.

The McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research conducts, promotes, and disseminates interdisciplinary applied research to address root causes of, effects of, and responses to poverty.

Drawing on intellectual and scholarly strengths of New York University and located within the Silver School of Social Work, the Institute partners with New York based organizations and communities to develop research projects and evidence-informed policy/advocacy recommendations that have short and long term social impact.

The purpose of McSilver pilot grants is to encourage collaborative projects between researchers across NYU representing different disciplines, as well as, stakeholders (e.g. public policy makers, organizations providing direct services to poverty impacted individuals, affected communities) to advance knowledge in areas related to poverty studies.

The dates for application submission are July 15 and November 1.

Two to four applications per cycle will be funded. Studies that involve collaborations between two or more institutes/departments will be given priority. Intensive collaboration with key stakeholders is also strongly encouraged.

The criteria on which the proposal will be judged include the significance of the project, innovation of the project, and approach (i.e., methods and design), as well as contribution to a high impact poverty research agenda.

The maximum amount of award for a project is $10,000.

Application Guidelines and Format
The application should have:

1. A cover page listing the title of the grant, the name(s), department(s), and position(s) of the principal investigator(s) and all collaborators.
2. A 250- to 300-word abstract.
3. CVs for the principal investigator(s).
4. A budget page with justification. Funds may be requested in the Personnel, Supplies, and Other categories only. Salaries for principal investigators, equipment, and travel are not permitted.

The proposal should not exceed five pages in length and describe the specific aims, significance, background, and approach. Preliminary data are not expected and will not be criteria for review. An additional page of references is permitted. One or two key recent publications may also be included.

All applications will receive written reviews from at least two reviewers. These reviews will be discussed by the McSilver Pilot Fund Committee, composed of senior faculty members from the Silver School of Social Work and members of the interdisciplinary McSilver Advisory Board.

Application Timeline
Application receipt — July 15 or November 1
Notification of awards — August 15 or December 15
Funding start date upon receipt of applicable IRB approvals.

Questions and applications should be directed to Gary Parker, Deputy Director of the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy & Research (212-998-5937). Applications should be submitted as a single PDF document to gary.parker@nyu.edu.