

APPENDIX III –
Pilot Studies

Guidelines for Submissions of Requests for Scanner Time for
Pilot Studies
to the Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Proposal Review Committee

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The Center allows PI's to apply for pilot hours for two purposes:

- A. Pilot hours allow a PI to obtain and produce research data for a study for which the PI has not yet secured funding. The data collected in the pilot study is intended to aid the PI in securing funding for that project
- B. Pilot hours allow a PI to modify their study, work out technical issues, and fine tune their study procedures

A maximum of 10 hours of free pilot studies per investigator/ per year may be granted after submission and approval of proposal to the Proposal Review Committee

The amount of pilot hours used by a PI can never exceed 10 hours a year (defined as 365 days beyond the date of the first used pilot hour scan). The pilot hour year resets 365 days from the date of the first pilot hour scan. If the 10 awarded hours are not used within 365 days from the date of the first pilot hour scan, the unused hours are forfeited. Please note: Co-PI's cannot apply for pilot hours.

When scheduling Pilot scans, the word "PILOT" must be on the CCBBI scheduling calendar or it will be billed as a Funded study.

It is encouraged that PIs/labs present their pilot proposal in a CCBBI users meeting in advance of submission of the pilot study request. All studies approved for pilot hours will be requested to present their findings at a CCBBI users meeting, at the completion of the study.

All PI's/Labs that receive pilot hours are expected to send at least one representative to the monthly MRI User's Meetings.

How to apply for pilot hours:

Your submitted request will be reviewed a member(s) of the CCBBI Management Committee. The reviewer(s) may provide feedback prior to the approval. You will receive notification of the approval via e-mail.

IRB approval is not required prior to proposal submission, but **IRB approval is required before scanning can be conducted.**

To submit your pilot proposal, please complete the "Application for Scanner Time for Pilot Proposal" form (see link below) and submit the required documentation to: ccbpi-proposal@osu.edu

Application for Scanner Time for Pilot Study Proposal

Please complete the following required fields

IRB Title: _____ Protocol #: _____

Name of sub-study: _____

PI: _____ Email: _____

Projected start and completion dates: [Start] _____ [Completion] _____

Anticipated number of pilot scanning hours for study (cannot exceed 10 hrs): _____

Please list the below information for all personnel assisting in the study's MRI component		
Name	Degree	Email

Funding source of proposed grant application after piloting: _____

Have you or a collaborator previously received pilot hours for this study? Yes No

If yes, you cannot submit a pilot scan request for this study.

Have you or a collaborator previously received pilot hours for any other study? Yes No

If yes, please list:

1. The title of the study
2. Any publications, grants, or presentations that resulted from the previously awarded pilot hours.

Please detail:

- a. Publication title
- b. Grant title
- c. Presentation title, date and venue presented at

Study Title	Result Details: Please list publication, grant, presentation

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Proposal Requirements

Please attach 3-4 double spaced pages to summarize the background of the study, including:

- Rationale and clear statement of hypotheses
- Description of subjects to be tested
- Specifications of protocol to be employed
- Stimulus presentation requirements (audio, visual, other)
- Analyses to be performed
- Qualifications of the team for running the study

Review criteria will include, in part:

- Methods
- Feasibility of protocol with the imaging facility
- Ability of research team to conduct the study
- Availability of magnet time
- Securing of IRB approval

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1. The PI or member of the lab must present their study research/findings at a CCBBI Users Meeting.
2. When scheduling Pilot scans, the word "PILOT" must be on the CCBBI scheduling calendar or it will be billed as a Funded study.
3. Please report to CCBBI any grants achieved in which CCBBI pilot scans contributed to securing funding.

Every research group performing scans in the CCBBI must send at least one representative to each monthly CCBBI Users Meeting (held the second Friday of every month at 1pm in PS 35).

I have read and acknowledge these terms and all [CCBBI Center Policies](#), including the [Safety Manual](#), [Pilot Study](#), [Scheduling](#) and [Access Policies](#).

PI Signature: _____

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and the 3-4 page summary to: ccbpi-proposal@osu.edu.**