

# UM Center for Brain Imaging Research (CBIR)

## Pilot Study Policy

### Pilot Studies Scanner Use

Pilot studies: Pilot studies are meant to produce preliminary results to facilitate the submission of grant applications. Typically 10 to 20 hours of free pilot studies per investigator may be granted after submission and approval of a pilot project proposal to the Proposal Review Committee. These hours are provided for 1) for piloting tasks and scanning sequences for funded projects; 2) for pilot projects to obtaining preliminary data for grant applications. Final decision of the free scan hour is at the discretion of the Proposal Review Committee and the Director that takes into account of scanner availability, needs, and merit.

Please request an application form from:

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### Time-limited Provision for Additional Pilot Study Scanner for UMB and UMBC Investigators

For UMB and UMBC investigators and trainees, a special provision for additional free scan times will be allocated in the first 2 years of scanner operation (2012 – 2014), owing to the additional support provided from both institutions for this period. Both funded and unfunded projects will be provided with additional free scanner time as part of the research proposal submission process, at the discretion of the Proposal Review Committee and the Director that takes into account of scanner availability, needs, and merit. Our goal is to maximize the use of the scanner and facilitate investigators' success in grant applications and publications. We strongly encourage investigators from UMB, UMBC, and MPRC to take advantage of these opportunities. As the scanner schedule becomes full, the ability to provide additional free scan time will be diminished.