

**University of Florida Health Cancer Center**  
**SPORE in Brain Cancer Request for Concepts for**  
**Collaborative Pilot Research Projects**

**PURPOSE:** The Preston A. Wells, Jr. Center for Brain Tumor Therapy and the UF Health Cancer Center (UFHCC) offers funding for pilot projects to encourage new collaborative cancer research. Such interactions can bring new and exciting directions that focus on new collaborations and new lines of research. The purpose of this mechanism is to provide developmental support for promising collaborative projects that propose innovative translational research that will contribute to improved prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of brain tumors. The overall objective is to identify and develop projects that may comprise a SPORE in Brain Cancer application (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-18-313.html>) within the next 1 – 2 years.

The goals of this collaborative pilot research program are to:

- Provide developmental support for promising, cancer-focused collaborative research projects with a well-defined major objective or theme;
- Create synergies and lasting collaborations between cancer researchers that will lead to impactful publications and stimulate collaborative grant applications for Federal or other peer-reviewed extramural cancer research funding.
- Projects must be translational in nature and consistent with the potential for inclusion in a SPORE in Brain Cancer application.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Each project must include a collaborative team of at least 2 Project Co-Leaders. 1 Basic Science Leader and 1 Clinical Leader must be identified. At least 1 Co-Leader must be a [Cancer Center Member](#).
- Applications to support clinical trials will be considered.
- Faculty at all academic stages are eligible to apply.
- Previous UFHCC Awardees may apply.

**AWARD AMOUNT & DURATION:**

- Up to 4 awards of \$50,000 will be made, pending the quality of science and availability of funds. No IDC allowed.
- Funds may be used for support personnel, supplies, core services, and other expenses. PI and Co-Investigator salary support is not allowed.
- The award period is 12 months, and applicants should provide a one-year budget, with the expectation that all funds will be expended during that term.
- Project start date will be August 1, 2018.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants should submit the following:

- Research Plan (no more than 5 pages) should include the following sections:
  - Abstract
  - Specific Aims
  - Background
  - Experimental Design
- Bibliography/References Cited
- Co-Leader Biosketches (NIH-format)
- Responsiveness to Program Announcement (1 page):
  - Multiple Co-Leader Plan (rationale & collaborative approach)
  - Expected Outcomes
- Budget by major category & budget justification

**Applications must be submitted to [ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu](mailto:ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu) by June 30, 2018.**

**REVIEW PROCESS:** A Special Emphasis Panel of UFHCC faculty will be assembled to review submissions. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Significance, methodological approach, scientific merit and innovation;
- Co-Leadership team;
- Relevance to the cancer center's mission and goals;
- Potential to result in Federal or other peer-reviewed funding.
- Budget and timeline appropriateness.

**Questions:** Please contact Wendy Malorzo at [ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu](mailto:ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu), Phone: (352) 273-8294.