Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research
2018 Medical Research Awards for Research in Hematologic Malignancies

The UF Health Cancer Center (UFHCC) has been invited to nominate two junior faculty (one who is conducting Mainstream/Conventional research and one who is conducting Integrative Medicine research*) to submit grant applications for these research awards.

The Foundation is committed to funding innovative, translational proposals and to supporting promising independent early-career investigators, rather than well-established, senior scientists. Projects will be funded for a three-year period at $75,000 per year.

Applicants must:
- Have an MD or PhD
- Hold the designation of Assistant Professor (Associate Professors may not apply)
- Have institutional support in form of tenure track OR be an independent junior faculty member
- Have held their position no longer than five years
- Have preliminary results and/or publications from their independent laboratory

If you are interested in applying, please e-mail the following information to ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu by Thursday, May 31st, 2018 at 5:00 pm.
- Brief description of your proposed research (1 page), including a structured abstract (background, hypothesis, specific aims) and short description of how your research relates to the Foundation’s objectives;
- NIH Biosketch;
- Current p& Pending Research Support.

After this date, a Review Committee will select the applicants to be nominated. The deadline to submit applications to the Gabrielle’s Angel Foundation for Cancer Research is August 17, 2018. Additional details will be provided to the selected projects.

*INTEGRATIVE INFORMATION

- The Foundation seeks to support Integrative research projects that explore evidence-based complementary interventions, optimize the manner in which mainstream care is delivered and improve the lives of those living with cancer, specifically the hematologic malignancies.

Such Integrative (complementary) therapies may include:
  - Acupuncture
  - Integrative Mind-body interventions
  - Manipulative and body-based therapies
  - Meditation
  - Music therapy
  - Nutrition
  - Physical fitness
  - Use of biologically-based agents (but not in “conventional” ways)
  - Yoga

- The Foundation seeks to support clinical trials and/or pre-clinical research which address reducing patients’ physical and emotional distress during or after cancer therapy.

Examples include:
  - Neurophysiologic, neuroendocrine, and biochemical pathways triggered by massage therapy, including animal studies or instrument-based approaches such as imaging techniques
Mechanistic studies of herbs, nutritional supplements, or natural products to enhance cognitive function or treat depression or anxiety

- Herb-drug interactions
- Basic biological mechanisms and processes that underlie acupuncture, meditation or yoga including studies in man or animal models or those employing imaging

- Research must be compelling with firmly grounded scientific rationale and high-quality relevant methodology.
- Proposals must reflect a solid grasp of the field and employ pragmatic research methodology and design.