

**University of Florida Health Cancer Center**  
**Mechanisms of Oncogenesis (MOO) Research Program**  
**Collaborative Pilot Grant Program**

**PURPOSE:** We are pleased to announce new pilot funding opportunities to foster collaborations between UFHCC cancer researchers. Such interactions can bring new and exciting directions and focus to an individual's or a group's research.

The goals of this collaborative team grant 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 future Federal or other peer-reviewed extramural cancer research funding;
- UFHCC priority will be given to novel, highly innovative transdisciplinary collaborative efforts.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Each project must include a collaborative team of two Principal Investigators. At least one PI must be a [MOO Research Program Member](#) (please verify your MOO membership). Inter-programmatic and/or transdisciplinary collaborations are strongly encouraged.
- Faculty seeking to develop multiple-PI R01s or P01s may submit applications to support their proposals.
- Applications to support clinical trials will not be considered.
- Faculty at all academic stages are eligible to apply.
- Previous UFHCC Awardees may apply.
- UFHCC Startup Funds:
  - Early stage investigators\* receiving UFHCC startup funding are eligible to apply if they collaborate with another lab **and** they will be working on a new project not covered by an existing externally sponsored research award.
  - Established investigators receiving UFHCC startup funding within the first five years of initial UF appointment are eligible to apply if they collaborate with another lab. However, it is expected that 50% of their budget is supported from their existing startup funds.

\*Note: Early stage investigators are defined as faculty that are  $\leq$  five years from initial UF appointment and have not received independent externally peer-reviewed R01-equivalent funding (a project funding for 3 years minimum with at least \$125,000 direct costs per year).

**AWARD AMOUNT & DURATION:**

- Two awards of up to \$50,000 will be made, pending the quality of science and availability of funds.
- Funds may be used for research support personnel, research supplies, and research core services only.
- 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.
- Funds will be released by September 15, 2018.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants should submit the following (use application template):

- Research Plan (no more than 3 pages) should include the following sections:
  - Specific Aims (1 page)
  - Research Strategy (no more than 2 pages):
    - Background & Significance
    - Experimental Design
- Bibliography/References Cited
- Biosketches for all PIs (NIH-format)
- Response to Research Objectives & Impact Statement (up to 1 page):
  - Multiple PI Plan (explain what each lab is doing in support of the project)
  - Expected Outcomes & Plan for Future Funding
  - Impact Statement: Applications must describe whether and how the proposed project impacts the identified needs of the Catchment Area.\*\*
- Budget by major category & budget justification.

\*Note: The UFHCC catchment area includes 20 counties located in north Florida characterized by rurality and high rates of current smokers, obesity, poverty, adults over 65 years, late stage cancer diagnoses (lung, head and neck, colorectal, and breast); lower educational attainment; and lower rates of cancer screening (particularly mammography), relative to Florida and to the United States (US).

**Applications must be submitted to Research Administration: [ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu](mailto:ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu) by July 1, 2018 at 5:00 PM.**

**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;
- Multidisciplinary investigative team & productivity of investigators;
- 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 the Research Administration team: [ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu](mailto:ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu).