UFHCC Pilot Research Project Program

SPECIAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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GI, Lung, Prostate Cancer Research

The UF Health Cancer Center is announcing a special round of funding opportunities for pilot projects. The purpose of this call is to foster new research projects focusing on GI, Lung, and Prostate cancers. These three cancers are among the top 10 cancers impacting our catchment area and account for more than 35% of all new cancer diagnoses annually.

We are seeking new synergistic and innovative research proposals spanning the research continuum from laboratory science to community participatory research proposals to generate preliminary data that will have a high probability of leading to externally funded peer-reviewed long-term funding. Collaborative and transdisciplinary inter-programmatic proposals will be given special consideration.

This funding opportunity has been made available through generous philanthropic support to the UF Health Cancer Center. It recognizes that i) the research is innovative and addresses the needs of our catchment area, ii) there exists a great need to advance our understanding of the genetics, biology, and risk factor determinants of GI, Lung, and Prostate cancers; and, iii) for understanding cancer symptoms and cancer treatment toxicities in order to develop new strategies for clinical trials and implement new methods to improve cancer symptom management, survivorship and palliative care.

The specific goals of the Special Call are to:

- Identify new research opportunities focused on GI, Lung, and Prostate cancers;
- Create synergies and collaborations among UF Health Cancer Center members and other members of University of Florida, Gainesville;
- Address the needs of our catchment area;
- Stimulate applications for future program-type federal or national extramural funding.

Eligibility:

Grant applications will be comprised of an individual research project led by a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigators. Principal Investigators must be cancer center members and full-time faculty. Applications that involve collaborations between lab scientists and clinical investigators are desirable, and strongly encouraged to apply.

Grant applications will provide a scientific rationale, project narrative, significance, detailed timeline and budget. The minimal requirements for the grant applications are:

- A project narrative that explicitly focuses on the genetics, biology, prevention or treatment of GI, Lung, or Prostate cancers.
- A project narrative that explicitly presents the goals and significance, as well as future potential growth of the overall project.
Award Amount and Duration:

- The maximum award amount is $50,000 per award. PI & key personnel/co-investigator salary support is not allowed. Funds may be used for support personnel, supplies, core services, and other expenses.
- The award period is 12 months, with the expectation that all funds will be expended within that term.
- The award period is 24 months for clinical research projects requiring IRB approval, with the expectation that all funds will be expended within that term.
- One project per disease site will be awarded depending on the quality of science and availability of funds. Funds are expected to be released by March 1, 2019.

The deadline for receipt of applications is: February 1, 2019. Applications should be submitted to: Research Administration: researchadmin@cancer.ufl.edu

REQUIRED GRANT APPLICATION COMPONENTS

A complete grant application package must contain all the required items listed in the Table below.

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Allowable Costs include the following:

- Research/laboratory supplies
- Shared resource expenses
- Technical or research staff salaries (including fringe benefits)
- Student stipends (including fringe benefits where applicable)
- Participant Stipends (IRB approved)
- Animal costs
- Research related contractual agreements
- Software (prior approval required)
- Travel related expenses in the conduct of the research project (see below for non-allowable clarification)
- Meeting costs (e.g. research participant focus group) in the conduct of the research project

Review Criteria:
Applications will be evaluated on:

- Significance, methodological approach, scientific merit and innovation;
- How the science will ultimately translate to patient care;
- Potential for identifying risk factors, developing prevention strategies, improving treatment outcomes or survivorship;
- Relevance to the cancer center's mission and goals;
- Potential to result in peer-reviewed extramural funding;
- Budget and timeline appropriateness.

Awardee Requirements:

- Grantees must submit a progress report 3 months before the end of project.
- Grantees will be required to present, in report form and/or presentation form, on use of the funding and next steps to advance their research.