



REQUEST FOR STUDY CONCEPTS TO DEVELOP SURGICAL INNOVATION TREATMENT TRIALS

Release Date: 4/12/2024
Concepts Due: 5/15/2024

Background & Purpose

Surgical based treatment is a critical component of care for multiple cancers common to the UFHealth Cancer Center's catchment area. Advancements in surgical technique can improve outcomes in multiple domains.

The purpose of this request is to develop new interventional treatment trials focused on surgical innovation addressing patients with cancer.

Responsive applications should propose an interventional treatment study evaluating a surgical intervention for cancer. Applicants should, if possible, address one or more of the UFHCC priority cancers as outlined in the [UFHCC Catchment Area Profile](#).

Who can apply?

- Each project must include at least one [UFHCC member](#), acting as the Contact Principal Investigator (PI). Only independent investigators can apply for funding as a PI.
- Faculty at all academic stages may apply.
- Investigators may submit only one project during a funding cycle as the Contact PI. Clinical/Scientific advisory roles on more than one application are allowed.
- Applications from investigators with active pilot projects or active multi-investigator projects are encouraged if their current project is ending before the award is issued for the current round, or the investigator(s) is/are proposing a project that is clearly scientifically distinct from the currently funded project.

What is the application process?

1. Applicants will submit their concepts for presentation at the Investigator Initiated Trial Think Tank (I2T3) using the form [HERE](#). Completed concept forms should be sent to ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu.
2. Applicants will present concept at I2T3 meeting and receive feedback from I2T3 committee members.
3. Concepts must be reviewed and completed concept forms submitted by **5/15/2024**.
4. Funding determination and application selection will be based on strength of concept and feasibility by UFHCC senior leadership.

Will support from other entities enhance the potential for funding?

Leveraging funding from this award by combining resources from other entities is encouraged but not required.

When will applicants receive notification of award?

Notification of award is expected by **June 2024**. The distribution of awards is contingent upon approval of the project from the Institutional Review Board (IRB). **Applicants must ensure and/or include the IRB submission process in their timeline.**

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Questions

Please direct any questions about the application process to ResearchAdmin@cancer.ufl.edu or 352-273-5940. For questions regarding research scope or other science related inquiries, contact Dr. Paul Crispen, UFHCC Associate Director for Clinical Investigations at Paul.Crispen@urology.ufl.edu.