

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT - 2011
Funding Period: 12/1/11 – 11/30/12 (award amount up to \$35,000)

Purpose and Description of an Institutional Research Grant (IRG)

The purpose of the Institutional Research Grant is to serve as "seed" money to early stage investigators (junior faculty members) who have not yet received national peer-reviewed grant support. The intent is to support junior faculty in conducting pilot projects that will yield preliminary data to enable them to compete successfully for national research grants.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Junior faculty (usually at the assistant professor or equivalent level) involved in cancer-related research;
- Within six (6) years of first independent research or faculty appointment;
- Salaried faculty with appropriate committed research facilities;
- No peer-reviewed funding; and
- UCCCC membership or eligibility for membership (e.g., research is cancer-focused).

NOTE: Research Associates (even with paranthetic rank), Post-Doctoral Fellows and Clinical Fellows are not eligible to apply.

Citizenship Eligibility

Recipients of these sub-awards must be, at the time of application, United States citizens, noncitizen nationals, or permanent residents of the United States. Permanent residents must submit with the application notarized evidence indicating that they have a Resident Alien Card or "Green Card" (I-551); or have been approved for the issuance of such card as evidenced by an official passport stamp of the United States Immigration Service or a form I-797 Notice of Action which indicates that the application for permanent residence has been approved. Noncitizen nationals are persons who, although not US citizens, owe permanent allegiance to the United States. They are generally persons born in outlying US possessions (e.g., American Samoa and Swains Island).

Scope of Funding

No proposal should overlap with funding obtained from other sources. Preference will be given to proposed pilot studies that are clearly and importantly related to the cancer problem, and which, if successful, are of a scope which would serve as a foundation to secure additional funding from other sources for long-term research in the cancer field. The maximum amount that may be requested is \$35,000. Indirect costs are not allowed.

Application Requirements

Proposals must contain the following items (except the Final Report) in the order listed:

- 1) **Completed Cover Page** with PI's signature (form provided)
- 2) **Cancer Relevance Information** (form provided)
- 3) **Application** consisting of:

Biographical Information of Principal Investigator, including other research support (active, pending and planned) and publications list.

Research Proposal (not to exceed 8 pages excluding references) including: background, specific aims, methodology and potential significance of anticipated results. Include a brief statement of the experimental approach, including statement of the number of animals or subjects to be used, statistical

methods to be employed in evaluating the results, precise procedures to be undertaken, and if possible an appropriate schema. May include copies of relevant publications.

Budget and Budget Justification (2 page limit – please use form provided). Provide enough details of proposed expenditures to enable the ACS Review Committee to understand how the money is to be spent. Total direct costs may not exceed \$35,000. No indirect funds are provided. No support for full-time faculty. Support for other personnel essential to the project may be requested. Budget period will be December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012.

- 4) **Final Progress Report**, if you are awarded an individual ACS grant, this report must be submitted to the Comprehensive Cancer Center 30 days after termination of your project (you will receive a request).

General Information

If your research does involve experiments using human subjects and/or vertebrate animals, a detailed protocol outlining the proposed research must be submitted or already on file with the appropriate committee (complete on Cover Page).

Submit one **complete original** paper application package (single-sided), **and an electronic version (in Word not PDF)** to Lee Baksas, (lbaksas@bsd.uchicago.edu) in the Comprehensive Cancer Center, Room H-212, on or before **Friday, October 21, 2011 at 12:00 Noon**.

Types of expenditures **allowed** include the following:

- Research supplies and animal maintenance
- Technical assistance
- Domestic travel when necessary to carry out the proposed research program
- Publication costs, including reprints
- Costs of computer time
- Special fees (pathology, photography, etc.)
- Stipends for graduate students and postdoctoral assistants if their role is to promote & sustain the project presented by the junior faculty member
- Equipment costing (up to \$2,000)
- Registration fees at scientific meetings

Types of expenditures **not allowed** include the following:

- Secretarial/administrative personnel
- Salary of principal investigator (IRG Chairman or individual awardee)
- Tuition
- Foreign travel; special consideration will be given for attendance at scientific meetings held in Canada
- Honoraria and travel expenses for visiting lecturers
- Per diem charges for hospital beds
- Non-medical services to patients
- Construction or building maintenance
- Major alterations
- Purchasing and binding of periodicals and books
- Office and laboratory furniture
- Office equipment and supplies
- Rental of office or laboratory space
- Recruiting and relocation expenses
- Dues and membership fees in scientific societies

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TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION, PLEASE EMAIL:

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