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**UChicago Medicine**

**Comprehensive Cancer Center**

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT - 2020  
- REQUEST FOR PILOT PROJECT APPLICATIONS -**

**Purpose**

- To provide seed money to junior faculty to obtain preliminary data for future peer-reviewed research grant submissions

**Eligibility**

- Junior faculty without peer-reviewed funds;
- UCCCC membership or eligible for membership (e.g., research is cancer-focused);
- Previous awardees (investigators) are eligible to apply for a 2<sup>nd</sup> IRG award ONLY for the same project; and
- Research Associates (even with parenthetical rank) are NOT eligible.

**Application Deadline**

- Monday, May 4, 2020

**Funding Period**

- June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

**Budget and Duration**

- \$35,000 over a one year period
- Please note that the review will take into consideration the scope of the project, that is, whether it can be completed in one year.

**Upload PDF of your Proposal to the UCCCC Application Portal**

- Go to: <http://administration.uccrc.org/>
- Click on “Submit Projects”
- Enter your name and password (BSDAD)
- Click on “Submit a new project” and follow directions

***PLEASE POST AND PASS THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ON  
TO ALL JUNIOR FACULTY***

**For complete guidelines and application go to our UCCCC website:  
[http://funding.uccrc.org/funding\\_opportunity/detail/289](http://funding.uccrc.org/funding_opportunity/detail/289)**



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**THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT:  
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**Funding Period: 6/1/20 – 5/31/21 (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 one-year pilot projects that will yield preliminary data to enable them to compete successfully for national cancer research grants. Up to three projects will be awarded.

**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 eligible for membership (e.g., research is cancer-focused).

**NOTE:** Research Associates (even with parenthetical rank), Postdoctoral 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 the Project**

No proposal should overlap with funding obtained from other sources and project aims should be accomplishable within the 12-month award period. Preference will be given to studies that are clearly and importantly related to the cancer problem, and which will generate data to serve as the foundation for securing future peer-reviewed funding. The maximum amount that may be requested is \$35,000. Indirect costs are not allowed.

**Eligibility for a Second Year**

*An individual grantee may apply for a second year of funding for the same pilot project only. The award is contingent upon the local IRG Committee's review and approval of a Progress Report for Year 1. An individual may NOT receive a second grant to initiate a different pilot project.*

**\*Application Requirements**

Proposals must contain the following items in the order listed:

- 1) **Completed Cover Page** with PI's signature
- 2) **Cancer Relevance Information**
- 3) **Application** consisting of:
  - **Biographical Information of Principal Investigator (Biosketch in NIH format is acceptable)**
  - **Project Title**

- **Abstract** (300-500 words)
  - **Research Proposal** (not to exceed 5 pages excluding references)  
Include: Background, specific aims, methodology and potential significance of anticipated results, 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, future directions and if possible an appropriate schema (may include copies of relevant publications).
  - **Budget and Budget Justification** (2-page limit)  
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 June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.
- 4) **Progress Report** (*only if you applying for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year of funding*) – include a 2-page Progress Report for the past year with your application (request form from Lee).

### 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 a PDF of your proposal by Monday, May 4, 2020 through our UCCCC Submission Portal: <https://administration.uccrc.org/> (detailed instructions are on the RFA). Please also submit one complete electronic original **in Word** to Lee Baksas, [lbaksas@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:lbaksas@bsd.uchicago.edu).

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 or other faculty
- 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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