

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Cooney Mesothelioma Research Pilot Projects

The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center (UCCCC) is pleased to announce a second round of funding for mesothelioma research supported through a generous gift to Hedy Kindler, MD from UCMC Trustee John D. Cooney and his partners at Cooney & Conway.

We have a total of \$500,000 in pilot award funds to distribute through this mechanism, and will consider budgets up to \$200,000 per grant, from the following categories:

- a) Clinical (e.g., clinical trial, supportive care, imaging) or population research (e.g., epidemiology; disparities; survivorship/outcomes; cancer risk; economics)
- b) Translational (e.g., correlative; use of biobank samples; should include basic science with VERY clear translational potential).

Projects submitted should be in preparation for the development of an application for independent peer-reviewed support. Investigators who received this award in FY17 may apply for a second year of funding if they have made good progress but need additional funding.

Eligibility:

- University of Chicago faculty member
- If PI is not a Cancer Center member, he/she must have a Cancer Center member as an active collaborator

Application Process:

Applicants should indicate which grant category they are applying for and Sections A through G of the proposal cannot exceed 3 single-spaced typed pages. The proposal must follow the attached template and include the following sections:

- A. Specific aims
- B. Background and rationale
- C. Research plan
- D. Relevance to mesothelioma**
- E. Description of translational components (if applying for Translational grant)
- F. Description of collaborations with UCCCC members (if PI is not a UCCCC member)
- G. Future Directions: future research and grant submissions based on this pilot project
- H. Other support for project: Indicate whether this project has been submitted elsewhere for funding, and if so where and whether funding was received.
- I. NIH PHS 398 Supporting Documents
 - a. Budget and budget justification (should be prepared according to PHS 398 budget page - attached); PI or co-investigator support is not allowed; this is an internal award – there are NO indirect costs.
 - b. Biographical Sketch (including Other Support)

Review Process:

Proposals will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. Scientific merit
2. Translational components (if relevant)
3. Likelihood of leading to peer-reviewed funding and peer-reviewed publications
4. Likelihood of advancing the overall breadth and/or depth of understanding of mesothelioma biology and pathogenesis

Progress Reports:

Progress reports, summarizing research to date and efforts to secure external funding, will be requested at the end of Year 1. As needed and based on progress made, a second year of funding may be awarded. Any publications resulting from this project must acknowledge the support of *John D. Cooney and the firm of Cooney and Conway*.

Deadline: December 7, 2018

Award Start Date: January 15, 2019

Instructions for uploading your proposal:

1. Go to: <http://administration.uccrc.org/>
2. Click on "Submit Projects"
3. Enter your name and password (BSDAD)
4. Click on "Submit a new project" and follow the directions
5. **Note: please combine all pieces of the application (budget, budget justification, biosketch, and proposal) into ONE PDF before you upload it.**

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER
PROGRAM PILOT PROJECT FUNDING
APPLICATION TEMPLATE**

Title:

PI:

- A. Specific Aims**

- B. Background and Rationale**

- C. Research Plan/Methods**

- D. Relevance to Mesothelioma**

- E. Translational Components**

- F. Description of Collaborations**

- G. Future Directions**

(A-G limited to 3 pages)

- H. Please indicate if this project has been submitted elsewhere for support, specify where and whether funded through this mechanism:**
 - a. Internal (e.g., CTSA) _____**
 - b. External (e.g., foundation) _____**
 - c. Is this a request for bridge funding related to a grant that has ended? If so please describe circumstances**

- I. NIH PHS Supporting Documents (budget, budget justification, biosketch including Other Support)**