



## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

### **Duckworth Family Commercial Promise Cancer Research Award**

**Award Description:** The UChicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation are pleased to partner to provide resources to accelerate bringing cancer discoveries to the market through a generous gift by the Duckworth family. Specifically, this award mechanism will support projects with imminent commercial promise, including those projects that are extending research with proven market viability and those which require limited funding to validate readiness for commercialization. Review criteria will focus on the commercialization potential, investigators, innovation, scientific merit, description of milestones, and future directions, that is, specific plans for bringing the research to market. Awards will be for \$125,000 for one year and, because it is an internal award, there are no indirect costs allowed. Fifty percent of the funds will be given at the time of the initial award, with the remaining funds being allocated at 6 months contingent on the project meeting established milestones. It is anticipated that two awards will be made.

**Eligibility:** The Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator should be a member of the Comprehensive Cancer Center. We welcome applications which include collaborations with other University Divisions, Schools, or Institutes (e.g., Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Social Science Administration, Booth School of Business, Harris School of Public Policy, and Institute for Molecular Engineering).

**Application Deadline:** LOI – **September 3, 2019**; Proposal Presentation (if selected) – **October 15, 2019**

**Award Period:** November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020

**Application Process:** Application for this funding opportunity will have two phases – a **Letter of Intent (LOI)** and **Proposal Presentation** (by invitation only).

#### Letter of Intent (3 pages)

Please complete and submit LOIs using the following guidelines:

- Title Page (see attached template; one page)
  - Name, title, contact information for the Principal Investigator
  - Names and titles for collaborators or co-investigators
  - Proposal title
  - Proposal abstract
  
- Project Description (no more than 2 pages)
  - Short background/rationale

- Project goals and aims
  - Innovation
  - Potential and plan for commercialization
  - Project development and assessment, including milestones and timeline
  - Future directions related to bringing product, technology or device to market
- Provide NIH biosketch for PI
  - LOIs should be submitted using the online proposal submission portal using the following steps:
    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
- \*Contact [rspiroff@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:rspiroff@bsd.uchicago.edu) if you don't have a BSDAD or need other assistance with submission.

### Proposal Presentation

If selected, the PI will be asked to prepare a 15-minute presentation to summarize their research proposal and, importantly, the project's potential and plan for commercialization. The following components should be included in the presentation:

- Background/rationale
- Project goal and aims
- Innovation
- Potential and plan for commercialization
- Budget and justification (i.e., general budget and justification for the 12 months of funding for the project components, including personnel costs, consumable supplies, equipment, research patient costs and other expenses; not to exceed \$125,000)
- Deliverables and milestones for assessing progress
- Future directions, including plan for bringing discovery to market

**Application Review:** LOIs and oral presentations will be evaluated by a review panel consisting of Comprehensive Cancer Center and Polsky Center leadership and oncology-focused investigators with a track record of commercialization. Review criteria include:

- Commercialization potential
- Investigator(s)
- Innovation
- Scientific merit
- Feasibility of milestones and future plans

**Questions:** Please contact Kathy Goss, PhD, in the Comprehensive Cancer Center at 773-702-0738 or [kgoss@uchicago.edu](mailto:kgoss@uchicago.edu).



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**Project Title:**

**Principal Investigator (with title and contact information):**

**Collaborators and/or Co-Investigators:**

Investigator	Title	Expertise and Role on Project

**Project Abstract (no more than a half page):**