

The Shirley K. Koloseike Breast Cancer Research Pilot Project Funding Opportunity

The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center (UCCCC) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity to develop **high-risk/high-yield projects related to the genesis, biology, treatment or prevention of breast cancer**. A major goal of this award is to interest talented faculty who are not studying breast cancer as well as to encourage new ideas from faculty already involved in breast cancer research. This opportunity is open to all University of Chicago Medicine Faculty, although at least one investigator per proposal needs to be a current member of the UCCCC. We **strongly** encourage multi-disciplinary proposals.

Grants are for \$50,000 and the intent is to enable investigators to collect sufficient data to submit a proposal to an external funding agency.

Application Deadline: Monday March 18, 2019

Award Period: May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020

Application Process:

Eligibility:

- All levels of full time faculty (Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor) are eligible to serve as principal investigator (PI).
- Only one submission is allowed per PI. If only one individual is listed, he/she must be a UCCCC member.
- For multi-investigator proposals, at least one Co-PI is required to be a member of the UCCCC and this individual cannot be listed on more than two applications.
- Faculty can serve as Co-PI or collaborator on a maximum of two applications.
- Research Associates, Postdoctoral Fellows and Clinical Fellows are **not** eligible.

The application package needs to contain the following, in this order:

- Completed proposal cover page
- Research Plan (limited to 3 pages) with the following sections:
 - Specific Aims
 - Background and Rationale
 - Experimental Approach
 - Potential Impact
 - Future Directions and Plans for Future Funding
- NIH Biosketch for PI and co-investigator(s)
- NIH Budget and Budget Justification
 - Maximum allowable budget is \$50/K for each year for up to two years
 - If 2 years of funding are requested, include budgets for both years
 - PI or co-investigator salary support is not allowed and there are no indirect costs
- Other Support
 - No need to list complete PI/co-investigator support, but PI must indicate if this project has been submitted elsewhere for funding or overlaps with existing funding.

Review Process:

Proposals will be reviewed by a selected panel of investigators with appropriate expertise. The review will take into consideration the following criteria:

1. Scientific merit of the proposal
2. Breast cancer focus and relevance
3. Potential Impact
4. Likelihood that this project will lead to future peer-reviewed funding
5. Multi-investigator proposals will receive priority

Progress Reports:

Progress reports summarizing research to date will be required at the end of the first year of funding and at the end of the funding period for two-year awards. Funds for a second year will be contingent upon satisfactory scientific progress after the first year. A second year of funding is not guaranteed.

Instructions for uploading your proposal:

****Note:** The Cancer Center member PI or co-PI **MUST** login and upload the application using the instructions below. Non-Cancer Center faculty will not have access to this website.

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 & justification, biosketch, proposal) into ONE PDF before you upload it.**

Questions: Please contact Marcy List, PhD, in the Cancer Center at 773-702-6180 or mclist@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu

Our Inspiration:

Known to friends and family as a woman of quiet and gentle strength, Shirley K. Koloseike devoted her life to helping others. Whether working with her husband Bill and her children to build successful automotive dealer groups (the Bill Kay Automotive Group) or volunteering at area hospitals, her dedication brought her the respect and love of many.

She trained in nursing at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. A two-time lung cancer survivor before succumbing to breast cancer in 2004, Shirley was involved in many endeavors, including volunteering at Edward Hospital and Little Company of Mary Hospital, both of which now have affiliations with the University of Chicago Medicine.

A gift to establish these pilot awards was made in Shirley's name by her husband Bill and four children, Mark, William, Judith, and Nina.