



UCCCC FUNDING OPPORTUNITY CANCER AND THE MICROBIOME TEAM SCIENCE GRANT

Purpose

The purpose of these awards is to foster multidisciplinary research at the interface of cancer and the microbiome, that is, a set of inter-related and interdependent projects (not a set of separate R01-like projects) among researchers of diverse scientific backgrounds in an integrated, multidisciplinary cancer and microbiome-focused effort. The project should arise from multiple units/departments within the institution, and include systematic oversight and evaluation, including specified milestones and deliverables. The proposal should form the basis for the submission of large interdisciplinary applications, such as U01s, P01s, P50s, SPORs, or SCORs. Review criteria will focus on the scientific team, innovation, scientific merit, integration of the project, description of milestones, and future directions, that is, specific plans for extension of the research and sustainability via grant submissions. Awards will be for \$150,000, 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STREAMLINED TWO-STEP PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION AND REVIEW:

- **STEP 1:** 5-SENTENCE DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROPOSAL
- **STEP 2:** SELECTED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE A 4-5 SLIDE PRESENTATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Project Description Due Date:	November 15, 2019
Oral Presentation for Select Applicants	TBD
Projected Start Date:	January 1, 2020

Eligibility:

Each application should contain separate projects/components from a minimum of three faculty members, representing at least two different areas of research expertise. The Principal Investigator and at least one other project leader should be members of the UCCCC. We welcome applications which include collaborations with other University of Chicago Divisions, Schools, or Institutes (e.g., Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Social Science Administration, Booth School of Business, Harris School of Public Policy, and Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, etc).

STEP 1: Submission of Project Description by **November 15, 2019:**

Use the attached form

- Describe your project in ≤5 sentences (note: longer proposals will NOT be reviewed)
- List your collaborators and their roles
- Provide an NIH Biosketch or CV of the PI
- To **submit:**

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

Review Process:

- Project descriptions will be reviewed by the UCCCC Executive Committee
- STEP 2: A select number of applicants will be invited to attend an Executive Committee meeting and present their research proposal in 4-5 slides with the following information:
 - Background
 - Specific Aims
 - Innovation, Significance and Impact
 - Overall Budget
 - Milestones and Future Directions
- Funding decisions will be made based on these presentations and evaluation of the following review criteria:
 - Strength of the investigative team
 - Scientific merit and innovativeness
 - Extent of interdisciplinary collaboration
 - Impact and scientific directions of the project
 - Quality of the deliverables, milestones and methods for assessing productivity
 - Likelihood of future interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed funding
- Supporting materials may be requested (e.g., clinical protocols) to facilitate thorough proposal review

Progress Reports:

Progress reports, summarizing research to date and efforts to secure external funding, will be requested at the end of the funding period. Any publications resulting from this project must acknowledge the philanthropic support.

Questions: Please contact Kathy Goss, PhD, in the Cancer Center at 773-702-0738 or kgoss@uchicago.edu



**CANCER AND THE MICROBIOME
TEAM SCIENCE GRANT APPLICATION
PROJECT DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE**

Title:

Project Leaders and Investigators:

Project Leader/ Investigator	Title	Expertise and Role on Project

Description of Research Project *(limited to no more than 5 sentences):*