

UCCCC FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT (for junior faculty)

The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center (UCCCC) is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for junior investigators with previously submitted, peer-reviewed, but unfunded research proposals. This opportunity is made possible through funds from a philanthropic foundation's gift to the UCCCC.

We have the funds to award one grant of up to \$150,000. These funds are to enable the investigator to collect additional pilot data and/or address reviewers' concerns with the goal of resubmitting the proposal to an external funding agency. Basic, clinical, translational, cancer control, prevention, or population sciences research proposals are eligible.

Application Process:

Eligibility:

- PI must be a Cancer Center member and is permitted to submit only one application;
- Junior faculty: up to and including the rank of assistant professor, with no current or previous peer-reviewed funding (e.g., NIH, DOD, national ACS);
- Junior faculty who have received K-level "career development" funding from national granting agencies **ARE** eligible;
- Proposals must have been previously submitted to, and **scored by**, a peer-reviewed agency (e.g., NCI, NIH, DOD, ACS), but not funded;

Submission Process:

Applicants must submit the following:

- Original grant submission
- Summary Statement/reviewers' critiques
- 1-2 page summary addressing:
 - The current status of the proposed research relative to the status and resources at the time of the original grant submission, and PARTICULARLY relative to reviewers' concerns. Please describe new results, or progress;
 - Plans for addressing reviewers' concerns;
 - What is necessary to be accomplished prior to resubmission;
 - Proposed timeline for resubmission, and granting mechanism, e.g., R21 or R01
- A one-year proposed budget for up to \$150,000. Note that the UCCCC Standing Review Committee reserves the prerogative of funding the proposal at a reduced level.
- PI biosketch

Review Process:

Proposals will be reviewed by the UCCCC Standing Review Committee, consisting of UCCCC Senior Leaders and other UCCCC investigators. The review will take into consideration:

1. Scientific merit of the original proposal
2. Investigator's plans for addressing reviewers' concerns
3. Likelihood that these additional funds will lead to a successful resubmission

Progress Reports:

Progress reports, summarizing research to date and efforts to secure external funding, will be requested at the end of the funding period.

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.**