<p style="text-align:center">**FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT**
The Ullman Fund in Cancer Immunology</p>

The Ullman Fund in Cancer Immunology will support basic, translational, and clinical research that is taking place in **cancer immunotherapy** at the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center. For so long as the funding exists, this fund will support up to two Ullman Scholars per year, that is, investigators conducting highly promising, innovative **translational cancer immunology research.** Investigators can request up to $90,000 for one year.

Although new immunotherapies show significant promise, they are active only in subsets of patients. Thus, understanding mechanisms of primary and secondary resistance to immunotherapies is critical for advancing the field to the next level. For purposes of this RFA, preference will be given to projects focusing on translational biomarker analysis relevant for patients being treated with immunotherapies in the clinic, such as predictive biomarkers or pharmacodynamic endpoint analysis; any rationally selected tissue source and tumor type is eligible. The goal is for these data to generate new hypotheses regarding the mechanisms of success versus failure of immunotherapies in the clinic, which would then transition to new larger funding opportunities and/or novel clinical trials in the future.

Eligibility:
- UCCCC member (any rank)
- Collaborative studies involving samples from outside the institution are eligible, but the funds must be utilized at UC
- Human subjects or samples must be a component of the proposed work
- The project must involve hypotheses around efficacy of immunotherapies
- Clinical trial costs will not be supported

Resources:
- Institutional resources available to facilitate this work include the Human Immunologic Monitoring-cGMP Facility, Genomics Core Facility, the Human Tissue Resource Center, and the Bioinformatics Core Facility, among others. Fees for services performed by these shared resources should be included in your budget.

Application Process:
Proposals are limited to 3 pages (Section A-C; Other Support for Project and NIH Supporting Documents do NOT count in the page limit) and must include:

A. Specific aims – including a central hypothesis
B. Research plan:
    - Brief description of the clinical project generating the tissue for analysis
    - <u>Very brief</u> description of assays
    - Plans for statistical analysis and data interpretation
    - Future Directions: future research and grant submissions based on data from this project
C. Other support for project: Indicate whether this project has been submitted elsewhere for funding, and if so where and whether funding was received.
    - Internal (e.g., CTSA) _____
    - External (e.g., foundation) _____
    - Is this a request for bridge funding related to a grant that has ended? If so please describe circumstances
D. NIH PHS 398 Supporting Documents
    a. Budget of $90,000
    b. Budget and budget justification (should be prepared according to PHS 398 budget page - attached); **PI or co-investigator salary support is not allowed**; this is an internal award – there are **NO indirect costs**.
    c. Biographical Sketch (including Other Support)

Review Process:
Proposals will be reviewed based on the following criteria:
1. Scientific merit
2. Translational components
3. Likelihood of leading to peer-reviewed funding
4. Likelihood of advancing the overall breadth and/or depth of the Immunotherapy Program

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 support of the Ullman Family Fund in Cancer Immunology.

Deadline: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 - **there will be NO extensions**
Start Date: August 1, 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 & justification, biosketch, proposal) into ONE PDF before you upload it.**