The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center (UCCC) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for junior to mid-level investigators with previously submitted, peer-reviewed, but unfunded research proposals. This opportunity is made possible through funds from the Wendy Will Case Cancer Fund’s gift to the University of Chicago Medicine.

Grants in the amount of up to $35,000 will be awarded. 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 to mid-level faculty (Instructor, Assistant Professor, or early-mid level Associate Professor)
- 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 at the time of the original grant submission, and PARTICULARLY relative to reviewers’ concerns;
  - 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 proposed one-year budget for up to $35,000
- PI Biosketch

Review Process:

Proposals will be reviewed by the UCCC Standing Review Committee, consisting of UCCC Senior Leaders and other UCCC 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

Deadline:

This is a rolling RFA with no specific deadlines. We accept applications at any time, until the funds have been exhausted.

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.