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**The Stony Brook Cancer Center
is please to announce a new**

Pilot Award Program for Team Science

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Due Date: Rolling Call for Proposals

Award amounts:

$150,000 for P-series applications

$100,000 for U-series applications

$ 50,000 for Multi-PI R01 applications

Objective

The primary purpose of this pilot grant award program is to assist groups of Stony Brook Cancer Center (SBCC) investigators in the development of cancer-focused collaborative projects that will be competitive for extramural funding as multi-PI grants, such as a multi-PI NIH R01, P- or U-series type mechanism. Pilot projects must be a multidisciplinary collaboration between two or more SBCC members that links together existing areas of research strength and expertise and focuses on a problem that is related to the strategic goals of the cancer center and its research programs and clinical working groups. Although applicants should make use of the unique technologies and capabilities available at the SBCC, they are also encouraged to engage with collaborators at other Departments and Schools within SBU, as well as other Cancer Centers and institutions, who bring critical expertise, capabilities and/or resources, to the project. A specific funding mechanism and a timeline for grant submission based on research milestones are required as part of the application.

Eligibility

All SBCC members are eligible to apply. The Contact PI should be a SBCC member; non-SBCC collaborators can be MPI or key personnel. Each member can be Contact PI of a single award at a time, however, they can participate as MPI or key personnel in other proposals.

Format for Application

A complete application must include the following, in a single PDF file. If any requested information is not included at the time of submission, the proposal will not be reviewed.

1. **Cover letter** that addresses the following:
   a. Title and focus of proposed collaborative project
   b. How each of the multiple PIs will uniquely and synergistically contribute to this team science project
2. **Abstract** (1 page).
3. **Collaborative Project Proposal** (3-page limit). Provide an outline of the proposed collaborative proposal, including details on the team members and what each brings to the project.

4. **Key references** (1 page)
5. **Biographical Sketches**. Provide complete bio-sketches in NIH format for all collaborative team members – including personal statements.
6. **Current and pending support.** Other Support should be done for all collaborative team members.
7. **Grant submission plan**: A detailed grant submission plan including NIH funding mechanism and a timeline based on research milestones for the proposed application. For multiple-PI R01 application, all PIs must be qualified and have appropriate expertise to serve as a PI and the appropriate level of authority and responsibility to direct the project as part of the leadership team. Each PI must have a defined role on the project.
8. **Budget and Budget Justification** (funding period is 1 year with possible extension for another year). The application must include a detailed budget and budget justification.
    o Description of how the pilot funds will be used toward securing extramural research funding
    o Funding is available for salaries and benefits of post-doctoral fellows, students, technicians, and other *non-faculty* project personnel, technical supplies, equipment and miscellaneous expenses.
    o This budget does not require overhead but does require employee benefits at the same rate as extramural proposals.
    o Funds cannot be used to support faculty travel or attendance at conferences, outside consultants, or office equipment including computers, unless specifically justified.

* Proposals involving human subjects <u>must</u> have approval from the School of Medicine HRRC prior to funding.

* Proposals utilizing laboratory animals <u>must</u> submit a completed Laboratory Animal Utilization form prior to funding.

Application Review Process
Applications will be reviewed by an ad hoc review committee and subsequently by the SBCC Senior Leadership. Collaborative teams may be invited to submit revised applications based on feedback and interactions with the SBCC Senior Leadership for final consideration for funding. Priority will be given to projects believed to have a high probability of receiving NIH funding through the proposed mechanism. Potential applicants are encouraged to consult with appropriate SBCC research program leaders before submission.

The number of projects awarded will depend on quality of applications and the availability of funds.

Expectations of Award Recipients
Recipients are expected to actively participate in SBCC activities such as seminars, meetings, and retreats. Awardees will be expected to present their research findings at an applicable Cancer Center retreat and/or meeting. A progress report must be submitted at the end of 12 months, as well as any additional update requested from the SBCC Leadership. Recipients are also expected to appropriately acknowledge the pilot funding.

Any questions about this team science pilot awards should be directed to Ke Jian "Jim" Liu, Associate Director for Basic Research, SBCC (kejian.liu@stonybrookmedicine.edu).

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
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