

MD Anderson Gynecologic SPORE in Uterine Cancers

2012-2013 Call for Research Proposals

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Uterine SPORE solicits applications for development awards to individuals interested in pursuing careers in the broad area of uterine cancer. These awards are intended to provide funding for the career development of individuals who wish to receive the advanced research training that will prepare them to conduct independent research in this area. Awards will cover direct and indirect costs of up to \$50,000 total for one year with the opportunity for competitive renewal of one additional year. Please note that the \$50,000 is all inclusive of direct and indirect costs, and is subject to change. Please check with your institution regarding current F&A rates and policies.

A. A qualified applicant will:

- Hold either an M.D. or Ph.D. degree, or equivalent.
- Fall into one of the following categories:
 - Senior trainee within 1 year of accepting an independent position
 - Junior investigator (Instructor, Assistant Professor, etc.)
 - Established investigator who wishes to initiate new research efforts in the area of uterine cancer

B. Applicants must identify a mentor from the attached list which consists of senior Uterine SPORE investigators. Non-Uterine SPORE investigators may be chosen as mentors, however prior approval will need to be obtained before submission of the Letter of Intent.

C. The proposed research may be basic, translational, or clinical, but must be directly relevant to uterine cancer and have the potential for future clinical application.

D. A pre-proposal is required prior to submission of a full proposal. Pre-proposals will be reviewed promptly, and applicants judged to be responsive will be invited to submit a full proposal.

Pre-Proposals will include: **(DUE: 5pm (CT) on June 4, 2012)**

- Letter of intent from the applicant describing his/her career interest and career goals in the area of uterine cancer research and how the proposed research training project will enable the applicant to meet the stated goals.
- Letter of intent from the mentor/sponsor signifying his/her willingness to mentor/sponsor the trainee and indicating the relevance of the proposed training to uterine cancer.
- A separate abstract (1-page max) may be included, however may not be necessary if the project is discussed in sufficient detail in the letter of intent.

E. Applicants invited to submit full proposals will be notified by **June 15, 2012**. Awards will be based primarily on 1) scientific merit of the research training project, including its potential impact in the area of uterine cancer and 2) the applicant's commitment to, and potential for, an independent research career in this area.

Full Proposals will include: **(DUE: 5pm (CT) on August 1, 2012)**

(Please use 11 pt. font, .5 margins on all sides, and the most recently updated NIH PHS398 forms at

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>)

- Face Page
- Form Page 2
- Form Page 4 with budget justification (\$50,000 total costs max)
- Full Curriculum Vitae for primary applicant including all current and pending funding
- Biosketches using current NIH format/guidelines for all other key personnel (not including applicant)
- Proposed research training project (3 pages max, excluding references)
 - The research proposal should include 1) background/significance, 2) hypothesis, 3) specific aims, 4) experimental approach, and 5) translational and/or clinical impact.
- Career Development and Mentorship plan, including: (2 pages max, not included in 3 page limit)
 - Explicit milestones expected of the trainee/mentor.
 - Description of the impact of the Career Development award in the development of the trainee's career.
 - How (if at all) the proposed project interfaces with the trainee's other current or anticipated projects.
 - Details for previously sought funding for the proposed project and/or anticipated requests for alternate funding.
- Letter of support from the applicant's current supervisor (only if different from the proposed mentor)
- Names and contact information for two additional individuals who may be contacted for recommendations regarding the applicant's potential for an independent research career.
- Any necessary certifications (human subjects, animal care and use, biosafety or hazardous chemicals)

F. Projects will be evaluated based on the criteria below. Recipients will be expected to participate in various career development activities sponsored by the Uterine Cancer SPORE.

- Scientific merit
- Investigator's potential for future career in uterine cancer research
- Degree to which the project contributes to the priorities and objectives of the SPORE
- Adequacy of the career development and mentorship plan
- Technical feasibility

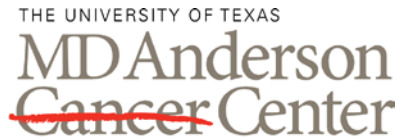
G. Submission Information: Pre- and full proposals should be submitted electronically by the due dates to Kristi Mercer at knmerc@mdanderson.org.

H. Timeline:

- Identify mentor/sponsor (before submission of pre-proposal)
- Pre-Proposal due June 4, 2012
- Notification of invitation to submit full application by June 15, 2012
- Full-application due August 1, 2012
- Award notification by August 17, 2012
- Funding begins September 1, 2012

I. MD Anderson Uterine SPORE Career Development Program Leadership:

- George Stancel, Ph.D. – Program Director
- David Gershenson, M.D. – Co-Director
- Diane Bodurka, M.D. – Co-Director



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Please direct questions to Kristi Mercer at (713) 792-6884 or via email at knmerc@mdanderson.org.

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